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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LAPD at Critical Mass

by Ted Hunt

The Department is at critical mass. The events that face us are coming in fast and furious. It is like a juggling act right now. We are juggling several objects in the air, each going at a different speed, which makes balancing them even more difficult. We know that the tension, frustration and anger level are very high.

It must be made very clear what our priorities are and where we are coming from. Our mission is to obtain and enforce the best contract possible; to provide protection for our officers in legal matters; and to improve our profession and the Department we all love so much.

What is ripping apart so many of our officers, both veterans and rookies, is the great love they have for LAPD and the willingness they have to make unselfish sacrifices for the common good contrasted to the low pay, poor-to-mediocre benefits, and a horrible working environment.

LAPD officers are not quitters. But, when faced with reality—this isn't a good place to work—individuals are making painful and serious, yet objective decisions. The result is a flood of highly-qualified, highly-trained officers who are making the painful decision to leave.

Mission 1

Mission 1 for us is getting the contract. In their book, *The Wisdom of Teams*, Katzenbach and Smith teach that, "Teams outperform individuals acting alone or in larger organizational groupings, especially when performance requires multiple skills, judgments, and experiences."

We developed a team to get our contract. Because there is no traditional "head negotiator," the team approach has confused many people. The team is comprised of highly-skilled individuals who are motivated to get the job done. They work together. Sometimes one member will take the lead in his or her area of expertise and interest, other times, another person will take the lead. It appears to have worked very well.

Sources in City Hall tell us that this is the best, most organized and competent team ever to walk into the negotiating arena. As this article is being written, the contract has yet to be settled. It looks good so far. I hope we don't have to go to stage two or stage three of our plan, but we will if we need to.

So getting the contract has been one of the objects up in the air that we have been juggling.

Mission 2

Mission 2 is to protect our officers. In this area we are under assault on several fronts. One of the most infamous and certainly the most embarrassing is the stories coming out of the Perez scandal. Another significant front is the oppressive, negative, and counter-productive 1.28 system that seems to be imploding the Department. Then there is the mismanagement of the Department.

According to the United States Justice Department, there are "Serious deficiencies in City and LAPD policies and procedures..." They go on to articulate many of the same things that rank-and-file members have been saying for years.

We have taken very, very seriously the quest by the U.S. Department of Justice to impose a consent decree on LAPD. Here is an example of some of the comments made by LAPD officers regarding DOJ intervention:

"LAPD officers are the best in the world. And none of us have anything to fear."

"Let the media know we welcome them...and do not fear them...because when it comes to street cops...I still think we are the damn best police department in the world!"

"The brass sets the tone and tempo for the working cops. If it goes bad then we must look at the brass as a possible cause. They NEVER look at the brass, always the street cops."

"This is a great chance to show the feds that the officers of the LAPD (we are the LAPD, not the brass) welcome any investigation. We want to tell you what is wrong with this Department so that we can make it better."

"Morale and apathy is so bad that I couldn't [keep my appointment to come to see you] because the officers [in my division] called in sick and we could only field [a few] cars."

"We need leadership that believes in whom they are leading. After all, God said it best, 'If you're not for me, you must be against me. There is no between.'

"I also feel that maybe some system should be in place where the Protective League...should be part of making sure that the reforms are implemented in a timely manner."

"No one who is behaving properly should fear being supervised, audited, or scrutinized."

It is clear that the rank-and-file officers have tremendous pride in our-

selves and our own work product. We do not fear outside scrutiny, and we all recognize management has failed. We cannot broad brush all managers as incompetent. There are some very competent and excellent leaders on this Department. You told them that in the Assessing Police Leadership© survey. All they have to do is look.

LAPPL and DOJ

But for us to blindly jump into a "love fest" with the feds would be foolish. They have a healthy suspicion of us and we of them. Their intervention in L.A. has serious long-range ramifications, not only for LAPD, but for all police officers and agencies across the United States. They are here to change LAPD, by legal force if necessary.

Our conduct with DOJ has been professional and appropriate. Our primary interest is in the safety and well-being of rank-and-file officers. We want to change LAPD, too. We need to help guide the changes so they are not the liberal, knee-jerk reactions that brought us so many past disasters.

We will not permit management to sacrifice a rank-and-file officer to feds. We WILL vigorously defend our members. From the beginning, we have explained that there are three areas of concern:

1. Management Oversight and Accountability—that includes the double standards in discipline between management and officers;
2. Restore Community Policing—we believe that SLOs play a key role in helping curb crime and restoring confidence in the Department; and
3. Hire and Retain the Best—we need better pay, CWS, and a change to the management-by-fear working environment.

Discipline and Disregard for Officers

Officers want discipline. No one would go into the police service unless they were comfortable with a highly regimented and disciplined working situation. But there is a difference between discipline and arbitrary and capricious punishment.

Discipline is the willingness to comply with the rules, regulations, and requirements. An Olympic athlete cannot be punished into peak performance. Peak performance comes from a willingness to comply with the require-

ment—what it takes to be a star athlete. Arbitrary and capricious punishment is—well, you know, we're living it.

As an example of the disregard management has for rank-and-file officers, look at Assembly Bill 2043. Assembly Member Ken Maddox was an L.A. Deputy Sheriff. While working in the jail, he contracted meningitis which could be traced directly back to a contact in the jail. AB 2043 says that if a police officer or firefighter contracts meningitis, it will be considered contracted in the course and scope of duty for purposes of IOD.

Guess who supports it? The League, ALADS, POPA, California Professional Firefighters, California State Firefighters' Association.

Guess who opposes it? The City of L.A. and LAPD management—the management team that cares about its officers.

What Are We Doing About DOJ?

It is important for you to know what we have been doing about the Justice intervention. First, we have met several times with the principal figures in this matter: Bill Lann Lee, Steven Rosenbaum, and Donna Murphy. We have had meetings prior to and subsequent to their announcement of intervention.

Second, we have met with the union leaders of the four major agencies that have had similar experiences with the Justice Department: Pittsburgh; Columbus, Ohio; New Jersey State Troopers; and Montgomery County, Maryland. We have yet to meet with the representatives from Steubenville, Ohio.

Third, we have gathered and analyzed the written documents, including the consent decrees and MOUs from the various unions.

Fourth, in a letter from the Board to Mr. Lee, we have demanded a place at the bargaining table. In part, the letter says, "Because your letter addresses a wide variety of issues, many of which fall within the general rubric of 'management practices and procedures'" and, because many of the management practices and procedures directly implicate provisions in the collective bargaining agreement upon which the LAPPL and its members rely, the LAPPL has significant factual and legal interest(s) in the terms of any negotiated settlement between DOJ and the City." It goes on to "respectfully request that the LAPPL

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What Do You Think About The Thin Blue Line?

I am now the Managing Editor and Chief Photographer of *The Thin Blue Line* and responsible for reviewing the articles and stories that go into our award-winning paper. The current format has been in place for a number of years with only minor periodic changes. While I generally like the quality and substance of the paper, I believe that we need to publish a paper that focuses more on your interests and concerns.

To that end, I am requesting your comments on our paper. Do you want more political stories, more divisional reports, more retirement information, more com-

mendable copper capers, more special features, more photos, more sports information or is there something we are missing? Your interests are our interests since we publish *The Thin Blue Line* for you. Please send your comments to me at the League, or you can e-mail me at zman8910@aol.com. Your comments are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Officer Suicide

My April article on officer suicide drew some interesting and varied comments from League members. Some of you thought I was bringing something to the surface and trying to offer solutions to the growing depression that sometimes results when our members com-



photo by Dennis P. Zine

LAPD Robbery-Homicide Detectives celebrate with LASO Homicide Detectives after cracking a major murder case.

mit suicide. Others thought I was criticizing the supervisors and colleagues of those who have committed suicide. I offer my sincere apology to those whom I may have offended with the article. I never meant to criticize any of our members or supervisors who tried to offer assistance to the depressed members who took their own lives. I have learned that in the case of the latest suicide, the supervisors and friends of the deceased officer did, in fact, offer assistance in a variety of ways. I acknowledge them for their compassion and concern for a fellow member of the LAPD. Their interventions were well intended and done with the most sincere interest of the deceased.

We need to develop whatever effective programs it takes to help those suffering depression. We need to analyze the services offered by Behavioral Science staff to make sure they provide the most effective relief from the torture some feel currently exists in the Department. We all know how a 1.28 investigation causes your blood pressure to rise and how your LAPD career is on the line every time you become the subject of a complaint investigation. We all know how a 1.28 investigation often

leads to a Board of Rights. I know firsthand what you experience. I have been there. The fear, anxiety, and pressure, I am meeting with the Department's Behavioral Science Section doctors and Sgt. John Cooley of the Employee Assistance Unit to see if additional intervention programs can be developed to assist our members in crisis.

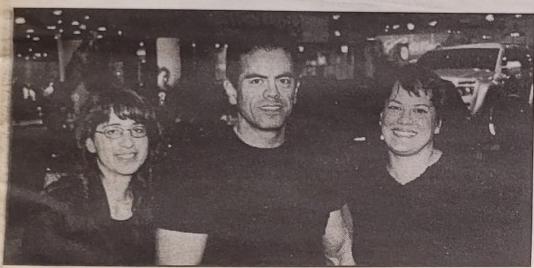
While we have the city-funded Managed Health Network program and the Department's own Behavioral Science professionals, we may need to develop and offer additional programs to our stressed out members.

July 11 and Mayoral Candidates Debate

The League's Political Action Committee will be sponsoring a debate with the leading mayoral candidates on July 11, 2000. The candidates will be questioned by a panel of experts on their views of the Department, the Chief, community policing and a variety of other law enforcement-related subjects.

This debate is open to all League members and their guests. Check the

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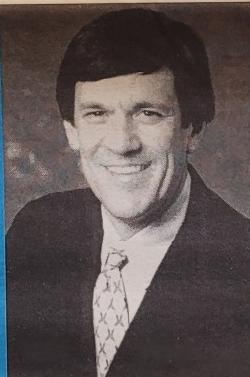


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With the Hartford LTD plan comes many enhanced benefits. First, we get an insurance company with an A+ rating, backed by \$125 billion in assets. In regards to the plan itself, the price of the plan remains the same, with a rate guarantee. The pay percentages for the member increase for industrial claims, to 70% with the Hartford, and the maximum benefit increases to \$6,000 per month. The waiting period for pre-existing conditions decreases to 12 months with the Hartford plan.

All current members who were enrolled in the CLEA for LTD should have received an enrollment package for the Hartford plan in May. All CLEA members have been automatically enrolled in the Hartford plan effective May 1, 2000.

Additionally, before the end of September, there will be an open enrollment period for all LAPPL members who are not currently enrolled in the Hartford LTD plan. A mailer will be forthcoming to those members advising them of the open enrollment period, along with enrollment forms. This is an outstanding enhanced benefit for our members.

We constantly receive calls from members who run out of sick or IOD time due to work-related injuries, pregnancies, etc., and who can't make ends meet because their pay has stopped. This Hartford LTD plan will pay you up to \$6,000 per month while you recover. It's a benefit every member should have. If you have any questions regarding the Hartford LTD plan, call our Insurance Department at 1-800-736-7070.

When Is It Over?

I was notified recently, via an interdepartmental correspondence and from Department Personnel, that the

Department has now taken the position that the Chief of Police has the authority to reopen adjudicated complaints, to conduct a review to determine if the complaints were properly classified. The interdepartmental correspondence that I read dealt with two personnel complaints. The complaints had been adjudicated and signed off by the Chief of Police as unfounded and exonerated back in 1997 and 1998. The complaints were for the same officer.

The officer has a pending personnel complaint, and the Department, during a Pattern of Conduct Review, revised the adjudicated, two-year-old unfounded and exonerated complaints and reclassified portions of both complaints as unresolved, thus enabling the Department to show an alleged pattern of conduct.

This action from the Department is unbelievable and goes against the basic principles of our justice system. The two complaints that I have mentioned were not reopened due to new evidence. They were reopened for the sole purpose of showing an alleged pattern of conduct where clearly one did not exist. This clearly is an abuse of discretion.

The League has authorized our General Counsel to take whatever legal action is necessary to stop this abuse of discretion. I will be updating the members in future articles.

Work Comp Issues

The following information, provided by Robert Sherwin of Lewis, Marenstein, Wicke, & Sherwin, a law firm, should be of interest to many of our members:

Injuries During Police Summer Games and Other Athletic Events

With the Police and Fire Summer Games approaching at the end in June in Ontario, California, it is appropriate to revisit the issue of what happens when you sustain an injury while par-

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The Andy Voge Golf Tournament

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the men and women of our Department who again demonstrated their immense pride and heart in supporting one of our fallen officers. This act of caring has moved me to dedicate my column this month to those who participated in the 2nd Annual Sergeant Andy Voge Memorial Golf Tournament at Elkins Ranch Golf Course in Fillmore.

Andy Voge graduated from the Police Academy in July 1986, and over his short-lived career, worked Rampart, Van Nuys and West L.A. Divisions. On August 27, 1998, Sergeant Voge succumbed to an inoperable brain tumor at the age of 36. He was survived by his wife Lisa, a Santa Clarita school teacher, and two young sons, five-year-old Joey, and Sam, age three. Shortly thereafter, officers from all ranks established the "Voge Children's Trust Fund" for Sam and Joey's future and college education, with the staging of an annual Andy Voge Memorial Golf Tournament.



Andy Voge.

On May 5, 2000, 156 golfers and many volunteers, participated in the 2nd Annual Andy Voge Golf Tournament and barbecue dinner in support of the Voge family and made the event a resounding success. A special note of thanks is extended to West L.A. Division Lieutenant Jim Markloff, and Detective III Ron Phillips and his wife Maureen, for organizing and staging the event.

MOU Update

The negotiating team has continued their meetings with the City and the Department in order to bring negotiations to a successful conclusion. We continue to make progress on your behalf, but the process is long and time consuming.

A number of you have called about various rumors you have heard. They're just that, rumors. The League is currently waiting for the City's offer as I write this article. Please be patient, as soon as there is something factual to report, your League president will report those facts to you.

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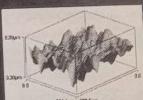
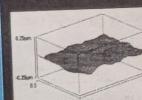
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SHOOT THE GENERALS

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What is the current state of the Rampart scandal? I'm sure inquiring minds want to know. Well, we have assigned attorneys to numerous officers accused of misconduct and crimes. The money spent on this great group of attorneys is starting to bear fruit. It started with the Rampart "Mug Party" officers. The Department alleged that these officers had participated in this event and those accused, admitted to that, if they were present. Some of those accused were never there. Guess who the lone accuser was in those cases? You guessed it, Rafael Perez. What has been very disturbing about this process thus far, is that when the low life Rafael Perez testifies, the Boards of Rights are held in secret locations. It gets worse. These Boards are not closed, yet the Department has stationed officers just outside the door to give the appearance that if you are not a participant you are not allowed inside. I'm not sure, but that may be a crime in itself. When that alleged pillar of integrity Rafael Perez testifies, his attorney, the district attorney, and the department advocate are present and they limit the defense attorney's questioning. I was told that Barry Levin was allowed to ask only seven questions and told to stop his questioning after that. I think that they have lost sight of our Constitutional rights. The

right of due process applies to everyone in this country. Does anyone sense the impending sacrifices yet? With all these things going against us, we have prevailed, and the civilians and command staff that have been sitting on these Boards thus far have done a good job. But why all the pampering of a convicted felon? Incidentally, Rafael Perez is not technically a felon in this state because he has not served time in a state prison. It's an interesting side note. Why is the Department doing everything that they can to keep the public in the dark with regards to Rafael Perez? Is it that there really is no case and now that the Department has made such a big deal out of a confessed liar named Rafael Perez, the Department and everyone involved is attempting to save face?

Has anyone seen the plea agreement that Perez signed? If you have, you probably work for the District Attorney's office or the Chief. It has been a closely guarded document that they don't want us to see. There is light at the end of this tunnel though. Captain Coombs of Metropolitan Division is man of great character and integrity, and a shining example of a leader. He ordered a copy of the plea agreement to be given to the defense and also ordered Rafael Perez to be present for the next day of the Board of

Rights or he would have a body attachment issued and have him brought before the Board. For his effort, we should thank Captain Coombs. I wish the rest of the command staff would act with the same courage and do the right thing. My fear is that Captain Coombs will in some way pay for his attempt to get to the "truth of the matter."

The plea agreement hopefully says that if Perez is found to have lied or misled anyone during this investigation that he will have to serve the maximum sentence. The problem with all of this is that perhaps waiting in the wings is a publisher who can't wait to print this story. And who would be the beneficiary of that little endeavor be? Rafael Perez. He will get rich from all the trouble that he has caused. Does that concern anyone? When Perez perjures himself we need to have one consolidated loud voice screaming for his imprisonment for as long as we can keep him behind bars. This individual has devastated men and women on our Department, and when is it going to stop? Who is going to say, "enough is enough?" I think we all know who needs to do that, but the voices are silent in the "ivory tower." It appears to be easier to condemn innocent men than to do the right thing that might not be "politically correct." I can tell you when the end is near. It is a common scenario that should scare every command staff officer who ever had anything to do with Rafael Perez. It's called "Shooting the Generals." What this is, simply put, is that the problem has come to the point that there are no more soldiers left to execute and a general has to be executed to show that the war is really over.

It wasn't so long ago that this occurred on our Department. During the Rodney King incident who was the general that was shot? We all know him, it was Chief Daryl Gates. That

was the beginning of the end to all the turmoil. I'm not saying that this is, in fact the end of it, it's just a signal that we have hit bottom and have no more downside left. So who will be the general this time? It won't be Captain Nick Salicos. Nick is stressed out as a result of all this and has decided to get a stress pension. Why hasn't he been rushed to a Board of Rights? Why don't we hold the Board in absentia like the other officers who are not able to be present? Why is Nick Salicos being allowed to slide out? Does the term "double standard" come to mind? Don't get me wrong, I am not advocating that anyone literally get shot, but until we see a major command staff member take the fall or several less important command staff members take the fall for their part in this mess, we still haven't hit bottom.

The Contract

The contract, another major topic on our Department right now. By the time you read this, hopefully, it will be settled. In the event that it is not, we may have some problems. At the time of the writing of this article things have been going good but, we will know in a couple of days. One thing is for certain, if we can't get you a good contract then we will get you good jobs. I have reserved the gymnasium at the Police Academy for July 10th and 11th for a Law Enforcement Job Fair. There are literally hundreds of police departments around the country that would love to have you and are willing to pay you and treat you like a human being. I know it's hard to believe but, I've seen it. With just a few phone calls we can have recruited from those Departments here to recruit you. We have also purchased

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WHO'S REALLY ACCOUNTABLE?

CLIFF RUFF

As the Rampart investigation drags on, and many officers' careers are in jeopardy, why isn't the trial of accountability leading to the Ivory Tower at 150 North Los Angeles Street? Why isn't the Chief and many of his henchmen in the upper ranks being charged with "you knew or should have known that corruption was occurring under your command?"

Once again, the double standard prevails on LAPD, with the street dogs working in the trenches, carrying out management directives to be proactive and solve the Eighteenth Street gang problem as aggressively as possible. When working under a system that management rewards those with the highest re-cap, these police officers went out and cleaned up a gang and criminal infested neighborhood. Under pressure from management for results (FASTRAC), short cuts were taken to appease and satisfy the bosses. When

Rafael Perez went out of control and became a vigilante cop, management from Parker Center came in and placed all blame on those in the trenches at Rampart. How convenient that no one at Parker Center is being held responsible.

Over thirty line officers are being sent to the slaughterhouse at the Bradbury Building to get fired. Most of those being charged are bystanders, not participants. The Chief is carrying out his scorched earth disciplinary policy... Take no prisoners... Show no compassion... Blame the little guy.

Captain Rich Meraz had his Board of Rights and he only got 22 days, not even a demotion. Do you think the line officers will receive such a fair deal? You can bet terminations are their destiny. What about Captain Nick Salicos? Is the Chief going to let him weasel out on a disability pension? Time will tell, but for the ten years I've covered the

pension system, the Chief's office has always approved disability pensions for command officers because there are no restricted duty assignments in the command ranks.

I think the Chief will try and place management blame on retired Deputy Chief Bob Gil. A retired guy is always a convenient scapegoat. They did this in West Bureau in the Men Against Women (MAW) case where they placed blame on retired Deputy Chief Ron Frankle. It's easy to blame the retired guys and deflect accountability from yourself.

A large number of line police officers are going to be fired. I'll bet that not a single command officer will be fired. If the Chief says that thirty-plus police officers were out of control, how can there be no command accountability? Something is wrong with the leadership of this police department. That is why outside intervention is necessary.

After Rodney King, Warren Christopher came in with a commission. They analyzed LAPD and came up with over 100 recommendations and changed the Charter. That didn't seem to stop what allegedly occurred at Rampart. Chief of Police Bernard Parks' wholesale termination of police officers by Draconian discipline hasn't fixed anything. We need an outside look and recommendations.

One of the management flaws with LAPD is the belief in statistical recaps in the evaluation of personnel performance. The quest for numbers, whether it be arrests, tickets, or field interviews is by itself a flawed measure and it places pressure on officers to pursue a compilation of numbers to please supervisors or to just get them off your back.

When crime is down over 30% as it is now, and there is pressure from FAS-

TRAC meetings for more numbers, what is going to happen when crime naturally goes up in the future? If crime is down so much, why isn't the Chief of Police over at City Hall promoting pay raises for the good work his officers are doing? I guess it's more important to harass and intimidate people on the fun bus or those who attend mug parties.

As of this writing, three officers are facing criminal charges based on Rafael Perez' allegations. Do you think this could happen to you? You need to look at how Liddy and Harper were set up by Perez and see how easy it is to be a victim and get filed on for criminal charges. There is a valid explanation for the actions of these accused officers, but no one wants to hear it. They've been judged guilty and sentenced to the gallows before the trial begins.

So much for the presumption of innocence. And the Chief is requesting funding to conduct "Integrity Stings." Will there be integrity stings on management? Probably not. Has anything happened to the Chief of Police for his direct involvement in covering up officer misconduct in the Kevin Gaines investigation and the structured civil settlement to avoid City Council oversight? The double standard continues.

Be careful out there. After officer safety, the priority of each officer should be to keep you and your partner from getting into trouble with the thought that, "I won't let you get into trouble, and I will not lie for you." LAPD officers have an extremely difficult job right now and you know you're still the world's best police officers, because everyone else wants you to lateral over. Be proud and do a professional job.

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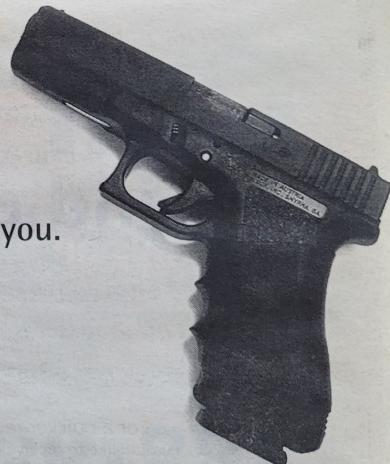
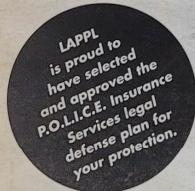
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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law

Your League panel attorneys are available to provide representation and advice with regard to disciplinary actions. One of the most significant new state laws regarding discipline is an amendment to Labor Code Section 96. On its face, this new amendment appears to prohibit demotion, suspension or discharge from employment for lawful conduct occurring during non-working hours away from the employer's premises, however, as more fully discussed below, this new law may not provide the type of benefit that the sponsors intended to provide. The analysis below was researched and prepared by panel attorney Elizabeth Silver Tougerman from the law firm of Silver, Hadden & Silver. We thank Liz for her outstanding work and for her permission to re-print her analysis.

Labor Code Section 96(k)

Many of you may already be aware of the recent legislation amending Labor Code Section 96, effective January of 2000. Specifically, the Legislature added Labor Code Section 96(k) which authorizes the Labor Commissioner of the State of California to pursue a claim for employment for lawful conduct occurring during non-working hours away from the employer's premises, even if that conduct was in violation of the employer's internal rules. This legislation originated in Assembly Bill 1689 which was sponsored by the California Professional Firefighters in response to recent cases of improper discipline resulting from the Department's retaliation for firefighters' involvement in city politics in Westminster and Vallejo.

Assembly Bill 1689 offers the following justification for the addition of Labor Code Section 96(k): (1) "an individual employee is ill-equipped and unduly disadvantaged in any effort to assert the civil rights otherwise guaranteed by Article I of the California Constitution", (2) "[a]llowing any employer to deprive an employee of a constitutionally guaranteed civil liberty, regardless of the rationale offered, is not in the public interest", and (3) "[t]his Act is necessary to further the state interest in protecting the civil rights of individual employees who would not otherwise be able to protect themselves". In other words, Labor Code Section 96(k) is the result of a strong public policy to protect the civil rights of employees.

At this point, you may be asking how the addition of Labor Code Section 96(k) will affect your Department's ability to impose discipline in the future.

Labor Code Section 96(k) does not directly prohibit the Department from disciplining you for off-duty, lawful conduct. Rather, it specifically allows the Labor Commissioner to recover back wages on an employee's behalf should that employee be subject to discipline for lawful conduct that occurs during non-working hours. As explained below however, it may be highly beneficial to be outside of the reach of the Labor Commissioner because of the potential for recovering a wider range of damages (i.e., tort damages for emotional distress) by pursuing a remedy in court.

Because of the newness of Labor Code Section 96(k), courts have not yet had the opportunity to provide guidance on the issue. However, pursuant to a request from State Senator Richard Rainey, the Attorney General is in the process of rendering an opinion on whether Section 96(k) overturns existing case law that permits discipline of peace officers for lawful, off-duty conduct occurring away from the place of employment which conflicts with their roles as peace officers. We will, of course, publish a follow-up article as soon as that Attorney General Opinion is made available. (Issued opinions can be found on the Internet at www.caag.state.ca.us/opinions/) In the meantime, we offer the following suggested applications of Labor Code Section 96(k).

In general, an employee who is able to prove that he or she has been subjected to wrongful discipline in violation of his or her contract of employment is entitled to economic damages consisting of lost wages and benefits resulting therefrom. The purpose of awarding an employee damages in a contract action is to compensate that employee for his or her loss as defined by the intentions of the parties at the time of entering into an employment relationship. As such, damages are limited to those that can be traced to the contractual agreement.

In contrast, under a tort cause of action, an employee may be awarded damages calculated with the intention of punishing the employer so as to vindicate important social policies. In turn, an employee may potentially receive a much broader range of damages, such as damages for emotional distress and perhaps punitive damages. Following the landmark California Supreme Court decision in *Foley v. Interactive Data Corporation* (1988) 47 Cal.3d 654, the primary mechanism available for an employee wrongfully disciplined to receive tort damages is to allege and establish that the employer's conduct was wrongful discipline in violation of public policy. See, also, *Tameny v. Atlantic Richfield Company* (1980) 27 Cal.3d 167, 172. Because of the strong public policy underlying Section 96(k) of the Labor Code (i.e., the protection of an employee's civil rights), any discipline for off-duty lawful conduct in violation of that Section would appear to form a strong basis for a claim for wrongful discipline in violation of public policy. An employee's ability to pursue a cause of action for wrongful discipline in violation of public policy without the added restriction of first filing a claim with the Labor Commissioner should benefit the employee by offering the opportunity to be awarded damages greater than those available within the Labor Commissioner's jurisdiction.

The following elements must be proven in order to maintain a cause of action for wrongful discipline in violation of public policy: (1) an employer-employee relationship, (2) the employee was terminated or suffered other adverse employment action, (3) the termination or other adverse employment action was in violation of a public policy, (4) the termination or adverse action was the legal cause of the employee's

damages, and (5) the employee did, in fact, suffer damages.

The first element, an employer-employee relationship, is relatively straightforward. The only caveat is that an employee cannot bring a claim for wrongful discipline against an individual supervisor, even if the employee believes that supervisor was the cause of his or her adverse employment action. *Reno v. Baird* (1998) 18 Cal.4th 640, 663, 76 Cal.Rptr.2d 499, 514.

The second element, termination or other adverse employment action, includes both actual or constructive discharge, as well as demotions, or suspensions without pay. *Garcia v. Rockwell International Corporation* (1986) 187 Cal.App.3d 1556, 1562, 232 Cal.Rptr. 490, 493.

The third element, the adverse action was in violation of public policy, requires a nexus between the employee's protected activity and the reason for imposing discipline. In the case of Labor Code Section 96(k), all that should be required is a charge against the employee for violating a Department rule that disallows lawful off-duty conduct. The public policy must be (a) based on either a constitutional or statutory provision, (b) for the benefit of the public rather than an individual, (c) substantial and fundamental and (d) well-established at the time of discipline. Based on the legislative intent set forth in Assembly Bill 1689, Labor Code Section 96(k) undoubtedly meets the first three requirements. However, because Labor Code Section 96(k) is so new, at least for a while there may be a period of time during which it is difficult to prove that it was a well-established policy at the time of the discipline, thereby placing the employer on notice that it may be subject to tort liability. *Gelini v. Tishgart* (1999) 77 Cal.App.4th 219, 227, 91 Cal.Rptr.2d 447, 452; *Stevenson v. Superior Court* (1997) 16 Cal.4th 880, 889, 66 Cal.Rptr.2d 888, 892.

Lastly, the employee must suffer damages as a result of the wrongful discipline.

You should be aware that various defenses may be asserted to bar a tort claim for wrongful discipline. Most importantly, there is a one-year statute of limitation prescribed by California Code of Civil Procedure Section 340(c) which accrues at the time of the wrongful discipline. In other words, you must file your complaint in Superior Court within one year of the date in which you are disciplined.

Second, the defense of "in pari delicto", or unclean hands, can bar a claim for wrongful discipline in violation of public policy. The most common situations involving unclean hands are when the terms of the contract for employment are illegal or when the employee's conduct is seen as immoral or egregious.

Finally, a claim can be barred by the employee's failure to exhaust his or her administrative remedies. There are, however, numerous exceptions to the exhaustion requirement. The most common exceptions are: (1) when the administrative agency lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter of the controversy, (2) when pursuit of an administrative remedy would result in irreparable harm, (3) when the administrative agency is unable to grant an adequate remedy, or (4) when it is already known what the administrative agency's decision in the particular case would be. *Edgren v. Regents of the University of California* (1984) 158 Cal.App.3d 515, 520-521.

The applicability of these exceptions to a claim for wrongful discipline in violation of public policy under Labor

code 96(k) are as follows. First, because the Labor Commissioner lacks jurisdiction over public employees, there is no need to file a claim under the first exception to the exhaustion requirement described above. Second, normally an employee who wishes to challenge discipline imposed by a public agency in court must first go through the prescribed administrative remedies (i.e., grievance procedure, arbitration, etc.) unless the subject matter is not covered in the grievance procedure. See, *Long Beach Police Officers Association v. City of Long Beach* (1984) 156 Cal.App.3d 996, 1002.

The interesting question in the case of a claim brought pursuant to the underlying policy of Labor Code Section 96(k) is that the language of that Section appears on its face to make the imposition of discipline itself a violation, regardless of whether the employee actually engaged in the alleged conduct. Therefore, a strong argument can be made that an employee need not seek exoneration in the administrative arena prior to filing a lawsuit for wrongful discipline in violation of public policy in Superior Court, especially since no tort damages can be awarded through that process. Again, because of the newness of this Section, we must await guidance from the courts for a definitive answer.

It should also be noted that when suing a government agency for tort damages, a claim for damages must be filed within six months or one year of the date of the injury, depending upon what type of injury is being claimed, under the California Tort Claims Act. You should also remember that public agencies cannot be held liable for punitive damages for wrongful acts under the laws governing government immunities, although responsible public officials are not immune.

One last issue of interest with respect to the newly enacted Section 96(k) of the Labor Code is its relationship to Government Code Section 1126 which governs off-duty employment. Section 1126 of the Government Code essentially allows a public agency to enact rules prohibiting an employee from engaging in off-duty activities that are inconsistent with, incompatible to, or in conflict with their duties as local agency officers or employees. The relationship between Section 96(k) of the Labor Code and Government Code Section 1126 may depend upon the interpretation of the term "lawful" as described in Section 96(k). In other words, it could be argued that conduct in violation of the term "lawful" as described in the Government Code is "unlawful" and therefore, exempt from the policy statement of Labor Code Section 96(k). On the other hand, the term "unlawful" in Labor Code Section 96(k) could be referring to non-criminal conduct (i.e., conduct that does not violate the Penal Code). Hopefully, the answer to this question will come soon.

In summary, until further guidance is provided by the Attorney General, the Legislature, and/or the courts, objections to the imposition of discipline for off-duty, lawful conduct, under Section 96(k) of the Labor Code should be made at the earliest possible time (i.e., at the pre-disciplinary *Skelly* hearing). Should you fall victim to discipline for off-duty lawful conduct, please do not hesitate to contact our office for advice on how to ensure protection of your rights. In the meantime, we will keep you informed via a follow-up article in our newsletter of further developments regarding Section 96(k) of the Labor Code such as the upcoming Attorney General Opinion.



WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for
whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee"

-John Donne

Things are getting ugly out there. As I write this, the District Attorney's Office is serving seventeen search warrants on various Rampart officer's residences. Given the timing, it is hard not to entertain at least a suspicion that there is some political grandstanding going on here. Initial reports from the concerned LAPD officers include complaints from an officer being pulled out of his residence in his underwear to the seizure of notes and materials protected by the attorney-client privilege. One also has to wonder why the District Attorney believes that evidence of crimes that allegedly occurred between 1996 and 1998 would still be in an officer's residence in the year 2000. The affidavit so the search warrant is said to be sealed so no one (except the *Los Angeles Times*) will be able to obtain a copy of it.

The good news is that we are arriving at the stage where Rampart rumor and innuendo are being challenged to put up or shut up. The Boards of Rights are starting to go and the Department is not doing very well in sustaining the more serious charges. When the so-called Rampart scandal evidence hits the light of day, it shrivels and collapses like Dracula caught after sunrise outside his coffin. Three Boards of Rights as of this writing have found the officers "not guilty" of false and/or misleading statements.

Testimony at one of these Boards gives us an inside look at what it takes to end up on the wrong side of the disciplinary table. In this case, the officer had been charged with false and misleading statements because he attended a "mug party" at the Academy on duty and in uniform. He freely admitted that he had done so and also admitted taking a sip of beer in honor of the departing CRASH officer. During the personnel complaint investigation, the Internal Affairs investigator asked him who else had been at this mug party. The officer stated that he was not sure because he had been to many mug parties and this one had occurred almost two years before the interview and they sort of ran together in his memory. The officer offered to guess who may have been in attendance, but the Internal Affairs investigator told him not to guess. The officer then replied that he did not know for sure who had been at this particular mug party. This was later used as the basis for a false and/or misleading charge against the officer.

At the Board, the interview tape was played by the defense. This prompted the following exchange between a Board member and the Internal Affairs investigator.

Bd Member: Why did you tell him you didn't want him to guess?

IA Inv: Because I didn't want him just to pick names out. When someone says "guess," to me, a guess is just picking names out. I didn't want him picking names out and having someone sit in a Board of Rights on a guess. I wanted him to go with his memory and tell me who was there. I didn't want him to guess.

Bd Member: But if he told you it was a guess and then he offered some names, wouldn't your investigation then allow you to verify whether in fact they were there or not?

IA Inv: If the individuals that he would have guessed were in this - for lack of a better word - list that the D.A.'s office wasn't allowing us to interview those people, it would have been found as a sustained allegation of being at this party and they would have been faced with a Board of Rights prior to interview.

Bd Member: Based solely on a guess?

IA Inv: If he would have identified individuals, person "A," and person "A" was one of the people that we were not allowed to interview, person "A" would have a sustained allegation for being at this party. He would have been directed to a Board of Rights.

And the reason I say that is because I have first-hand information on this investigation there were persons I could not interview that were identified by one person as possibly being there, and they were directed to a Board of Rights. [emphasis added]

The accused officer before this Board was found not guilty of false and misleading statements. The scary part is how easily this officer was charged with false and misleading and how many other officers are in a similar situation. When one considers the Department's view that anyone convicted of false and misleading must be fired or work the kit room for the rest of his or her career, the true effects of the Rampart hysteria are apparent.

There are in excess of thirty Boards of Rights pending that relate to allegations made by Rafael Perez, not to mention all of the criminal investigations that are in progress. The stakes are high for those who have to either rely on or challenge Mr. Perez' credibility. Let's even forget for a moment that Mr. Perez has flunked his polygraph. At one Board of Rights, Mr. Perez, himself, testified to the following facts:

1. He has perjured his testimony from seventy-five to one hundred times.

2. He has made "hundreds" of false affidavits.
3. He has stolen between sixty and eighty thousand dollars.
4. He has framed approximately one hundred people.
5. He has planted evidence in seventy-five cases.
6. He has made false arrests into the hundreds.

Understandably, the Department is not always anxious to have Mr. Perez testify in person. Another Board refused to force Mr. Perez to testify, but allowed the Department Advocate to enter into stipulations with the defense. Keep in mind that these are statements the Department agrees with:

1. That Perez has perjured himself in testimony under oath more than once.
2. That Perez is a convicted felon.
3. That Perez is a thief.
4. That Perez submitted a false arrest report on more than one occasion.
5. That Perez made a deal with the District Attorney's Office to provide information for a reduced prison sentence.

The "deal" is understated. "Deal of the Century" might be more accurate. Mr. Perez will be out of jail long before the litigation he has caused is over. What then? Books? Television? Expert witness fees?

The tragic fact for all law enforcement is that the Department bought into Mr. Perez's statements too fast and too easily. Now the Department and the District Attorney's Office are floundering around trying to find evidence to prove what they have allowed everyone to believe. When the evidence isn't there, they blame the "code of silence." They blame the failure of the officers to

cooperate. They blame the refusal of officers to waive their basic rights as American citizens. They blame each other. They are willing to believe anything except the fact that there isn't any evidence to find. They would rather believe that one hundred officers are corrupt than to believe that they put too much reliance on allegations made by one corrupt former officer with the gift of gab.

These are dangerous times for justice. Political futures and careers now depend on a re-cap of convictions. Rampart hysteria has to be brought under control. If there is evidence of corruption (more serious than sipping a beer at a transfer party), let's put it on the table for all to see and examine. If it holds up to the light of day, let's get the prosecutions over with and get the guilty properly sentenced.

Respect for legal due process is never more important than it is when hysteria reigns. We learned this lesson hundreds of years ago in the Salem witch trials. Once again the burning stakes are up and the wood is being stacked. The initial Boards of Rights are doing their jobs. They are looking for evidence. They are to be commended and congratulated. The truth is beginning to come out, but there is still a long way to go.

Now is the time for cool, rational action. Whether you are writing a traffic ticket, arresting a murder suspect, serving a search warrant, investigating a personnel complaint, prosecuting/defending/sitting on a Board of Rights, fairness and due process under all circumstances is what greases the American wheels of justice. Salem rang warning bells for us all. You can't unburn a witch. Some of those who were burned had previously been assigned to stack wood and light the fire for others. Remember, what can be done to one, can be done to anyone!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters To The Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters must be limited to 350 words or less. Letters over the limit will be returned for editing by the writer. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Editor:

I am the wife of an LAPD supervisor who has been an avid reader of *The Thin Blue Line* for years. I have also been a good listener when my husband's friends visit our home and they discuss current trends on the Department. Some of my husband's friends are LAPD officers but many have left LAPD for other departments but still visit on a regular basis.

I feel compelled to write in the hopes that some of the higher-ups in the Department might read this and open their eyes to what is very apparent to others in the LAPD family. It is apparent to everyone that the once great LAPD is being dragged down by those who are sworn to lead it. These leaders are blind to the fact that LAPD has lost and continues to lose good, well-trained officers to other departments because they refuse to address the quality of life issues that affect their officers. I hear and read about these leaders who quote small numbers when they talk about officers who leave LAPD. Then I hear our friends who now work Torrance, Santa Ana, Beverly Hills, Huntington Beach, and El Segundo who say they show up at their department's PFQ's just to see LAPD friends they haven't seen in a while.

The LAPD leadership fails to see that it isn't just the number of people who leave but the much larger number of people trying to leave that is the true indicator of the state of the Department. I would challenge any of these leaders to go to these PFQ's just to see how many of their officers are competing. Our friends say about 90% are current LAPD officers. I read where the Department is having trouble filling academy classes and that the leadership's answer is more innovative recruitment techniques. Don't they realize that the best recruiter is the street cop. I know that my husband had recruited four people to the LAPD. Now multiply that by how ever many officers in the ranks. These days I have heard my husband recommend other departments.

I have been with my husband when he has been approached by young officers asking for his advice about their opportunity to leave for another department. He tells them to do what is best for their family, to consider work schedule, pay, and pension because those are ultimately most important. Each time he turns to me and tells me how much it hurts to see this promising young talent go to other departments.

We have the highest paid City Council in the nation and one of the highest paid police chiefs and they refuse to do what is necessary to keep the highest quality individuals as their most visible representatives. If things don't change, this leadership (Commanders on up) will leave a legacy of ruining the LAPD.

Sincerely,
Wife of an LAPD Officer

Dear Editor:

Unbiased reporting doesn't seem to be the norm for the Times when reporting on one of their own. Page 19, section one, of the April 24th edition has a small article regarding the arrest of a Times reporter, Carolyn Cole for putting down her camera and throwing rocks during one of the melees following the Erian Gonzalez incident. She then photographed the aftermath.

Reports on Rampart Division and ex-officer Rafael Perez hits the front page ad nauseam, yet a report on a Times employee accused of a crime during their job-related duties is hidden within. Here is just some more of the "balanced" reporting we've become used to with the Times.

Times editor Michael Parks (coincidental last name) labels the change "totally without foundation." I didn't know Parks was there during the event. Here we have a leader coming to the defense of an employee similar to Chief Parks standing up for his Department. The Times finds this so wrong and quickly points that out on a regular basis.

Let's see how long this incident regarding the Times' employee is reported-

ed or in fact if it is reported at all and how far back in the paper it's hidden. It's ironic this occurs on the same day the front page headlines in bold type are again regarding Rampart Division with the same information over and over again.

Loren Farrell
Chatsworth

Dear Editor:

The Los Angeles Police Department is arguably experiencing one of its most difficult and challenging periods in recent history. Against a backdrop of criminal impropriety, falsified reports, perjury and the unauthorized use of police force millions of dollars are being set aside in the next budget cycle to help defray the anticipated monetary impact of these unacceptable and inexcusable acts of police misconduct. As members of the Los Angeles Police Department, none of us are immune from, nor can we escape the implications of this scandal. Conversely, we are all individually and collectively responsible for helping restore faith in the community we serve and reversing the moral decay and erosion that has shaken the foundation of our proud organization.

To that end, I believe it is imperative that we unite as an agency and that we discontinue the cancerous and dysfunctional infighting that has pervaded our Department. It is simply not acceptable to undermine the Department, or as I recently witnessed, to show disrespect to our Chief of Police at a public event attended by hundreds of officers from other law enforcement agencies. Although we each enjoy the inalienable right to express our displeasure regarding matters related to the Department, we must also display responsibility in exercising that right and ensure that our actions, as well as our words, are directed toward rebuilding rather than further damaging the image of our Department.

Marcella J. Piersol

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the article: "Everybody's Heard About Rampart . . . But Doesn't Anyone Remember the Officers?" (Blue Line, April 2000). I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to its author, Sgt. Shannon K. Paulson, for writing one of the few positive articles that I've read throughout this whole ordeal.

My husband has been assigned home for the past seven months as a result of the Rampart investigation. He was and is a dedicated police officer that always gave his best, one that consistently believed in the work that he was doing, and loved being a part of the LAPD. Even as many of his friends left for better departments, he stayed loyal to this one. Now, while the department he was so loyal to has seemingly abandoned him, he is forced to stay home and listen to nothing but negative reports about the job that he was once so proud to do.

In the entire seven months he has been assigned home, he has heard nothing from the department regarding the reasons behind their decision to take this action. We learn new information along with the rest of the public, through television reports and the news-

papers. The majority of this coverage is negative and misleading and never fails to dampen our spirits. It is frustrating and discouraging to say the very least.

That is why Sgt. Paulson's article really hit home. I was so pleased to see that someone shared the exact opinions and beliefs that we have had for so long. It is encouraging to know that there are still people that believe in the innocence of some of these officers and feel that the situation that they have put in is both unfair and unjust. Every positive comment and gesture is so greatly appreciated and we thank everyone who has offered his or her support, both direct and indirect, during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Name withheld

Dear Editor:

I feel empathy for the many good officers of the Los Angeles Police Department. It is too bad that they have been subjected to humiliation from the actions of a few.

I visited my brother, Charles Rother, a number of times in Los Angeles. He was a retired Lieutenant of the Los Angeles Police Department. I did inquire about the problems in the news. It was his impression that the force could not be as selective of their recruits these later years. He said that when he entered the Academy, under Chief Parker, only the best of applicants were chosen.

His respect for Chief Parker and for the discipline enforced was obvious and truly admirable.

My brother's health had failed these past few years and in October of last year he took his own life. He had told me many times that it was a choice often made by retired police officers. How sad.

I sincerely hope that the problems in the department . . . or perhaps in the media . . . may be resolved. Then the officers will be afforded the respect that they deserve.

Sincerely yours,
Lorraine Schimmels
(Mrs. Wayne Schimmels)

Dear Editor:

It has now been several months since my experience with the Department's disciplinary system. Needless to say, the months of stress took their toll both financially and emotionally. After over a year of uncertainty, I am glad to report that my situation was favorably resolved at a Board of Rights.

I am writing to convey my heartfelt thanks to the people that made a difference, and also (for those who care to listen) to convey some hard-learned lessons. I am certain that if not for the dedication and expertise of Attorney Jodi Gonda of Darryl Mounger's law office, I would not have prevailed. A special thanks to Lt. Jeri Weinstein who, as a friend and an employee rep, worked tirelessly and stood by my side during the entire ordeal. I'm thankful that I have a wife that was supportive and showed me the true meaning of leadership and love by weathering the storm and acting as a

END OF WATCH



NAME: Jeffrey L. Pritchard #17144

RANK: Police Officer III

ASSIGNED TO: West Valley

BORN: September 17, 1943

APPOINTED: August 9, 1971

RETIRED: January 19, 1984

DIED: April 12, 2000

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NAME: James L. Willis #11016

RANK: Investigator II

ASSIGNED TO: OCID

BORN: July 4, 1934

APPOINTED: October 23, 1961

RETIRED: February 23, 1983

DIED: April 13, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: John F. Pendergast #3578

RANK: Sergeant

ASSIGNED TO: Valley Communications

BORN: July 27, 1915

APPOINTED: July 22, 1946

RETIRED: February 12, 1978

DIED: April 15, 2000

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NAME: Dale G. Buell #7203

RANK: Investigator III

ASSIGNED TO: Ad Vice

BORN: March 7, 1933

APPOINTED: May 17, 1954

RETIRED: June 3, 1979

DIED: April 30, 2000

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Letters to the Editor

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pillar of strength when things got really difficult.

While relieved of duty for three months, the League also came through by providing me with several acts of kindness that made the rough road just a little bit smoother. Finally, I thank my brother and sister officers who called me and offered their support. These officers really made a difference and made me realize that the people we believe are our friends sometimes disappear when the going gets tough, while others step forward and show the true meaning of friendship with just a simple call or card. I couldn't have made it without them.

I went into this thing with the mindset that I was holding a bad hand; a Rampart occurrence, allegations of a sensitive nature, little exculpatory evidence, and a Department eager to demonstrate a firm position on discipline. I really thought that I was a goner. This was not the case. Throughout the BOR I was treated with respect, objectivity and fairness. The kangaroo court that I anticipated never materialized. The guys from I.A. were professional, thorough and objective (hey, I've got to tell it like it is).

Even though I have been back at work for several months, I am still reeling from the ordeal. My advice to the young guns and the vets (if you haven't figured it out yet) is to realize that family and friends is what matters the most...not the Department. Please, keep things in perspective. Thanks again, and be safe.

Name withheld

Dear LA LEY Member and Los Angeles Police Protective League Member:

The Latin American Law Enforcement Association has been a long time advocate for the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department in the areas of career development, education, and advocacy.

In order to better serve our membership and the men and women of our Department, the Latin American Law Enforcement Association (LA LEY) has recently retained the law firm of Silver, Hadden & Silver for the purposes of monitoring and enforcing the Hunter-LA LEY Consent Decree on behalf of the Association and individual members who did not opt out of the Decree.

The Board of Directors voted to retain Silver, Hadden & Silver in an attempt to increase the city's accountability by employing a more aggressive approach of ensuring compliance with the various aspects of the Consent Decree, including, but not limited to, the city's goals to (1) promote, advance in pay grade, and assign to coveted positions those minorities covered under the Decree; (2) ensure workplace diversity; (3) employ standardized selection procedures, employee development and career counseling; (4) utilize the Rule of Three Whole Scores; (5) monitor bilingual positions and accompanying pay; (6) employ the supervisory cross training program; and (7) institute the affirmative action program for supervisors.

Should you have any questions regarding LA LEY's recent retention of Silver, Hadden & Silver, or if you have any question about the Consent Decree in general, please direct all inquiries to Arturo R. Gomez or Arthur Placencia at (213) 383-1332.

Very truly yours,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Latin American Law
Enforcement Association
Arturo R. Gomez, President

To: Ted Hunt, President, LAPPL

With all due respect to the hundreds of reports, news articles, editorials, opinions, on-ad infinitum revolving around the now infamous Rampart scandal, I would like to narrow down to just a couple of startling inconsistencies which defy plain common sense. So far as I have been able to discover, these questions have never been aggressively pursued for answers. I know you are heavily involved with current problems but please do not overlook the importance of the polygraph anomalies pointed out here.

Contrast if you will the coverage in the L.A. Times, February 10, 2000, on page A26, pertinent parts of which are quoted herein. The statements given as justification for this convicted criminal's failure to pass, read like a defense attorney's attempts to mitigate his felonious client's story. The defenses raised are:

A) He, (Perez) "... was suffering from a bleeding ulcer stemming from the stress of informing on corrupt officers." Question: Has there been any medical evidence to substantiate this diagnosis?

B) "Many experts—say that polygraph tests are an unreliable gauge of a person's truthfulness." Question: Who are the "many experts" and what are their qualifications in the field?

C) "One source close to the investigation—says he is anxious and stressed ... and is a poor test subject." Question: Is it not true that lie detector tests have been given to thousands of suspects over the years, most of whom are usually "under stress" because they are suspected of possibly having committed a crime?

D) "A defense expert has suggested that the test was improperly administered, the source said." Question: Nothing I have seen or heard either in print or radio or TV has mentioned one word about having the test repeated, but I am sure he would not consent to it. Why not? Or given a test which was not "improperly administered?"

But now comes the thing which can only be described as an "oxymoron."

I attach the clipping from the Daily News of March 3, 2000, with following prominent headline: City Attorney OKS LAPD Lie Detector Tests.

And speaking for Chief Parks, as you see, appears the following:

"Police Chief Bernard Parks has supported use of polygraph tests in the hiring process," says Cmdr. David Kalish, who then goes on in praise of the tests and the "firm belief that polygraphs are an effective tool," etc., used by many other agencies. Notice the reference to recent court rulings affirming the tests in hiring.

I simply ask: Is there something radically wrong with this picture? Will hundreds of hopeful applicants be allowed to fail these tests for some of the reasons advanced above by his convicted felon? Or will an entire different standard be applied to these clean young men and women who want to "protect and serve" their community?

Warren (Win) Rainer

Dear Honorable Police Commissioner & Editor:

As a retired Los Angeles Police Officer, normally I could care less what is going on with the LAPD, however the article by Los Angeles Police Protective League Director Mitzi Grasso, in the April issue of *The Thin Blue Line*, prompted me to voice an opinion.

I spent my last 6 years with LAPD as a defense representative where I defended officers at Boards of Rights. I had several officers, who had been in officer-involved-shootings (OIS), who told me that a Board of Rights was more stressful than their shooting. So let's say that an OIS is the second most stressful thing that can happen to a police officer.

When an OIS occurs, Detectives from Robbery-Homicide Division's Officer Involved Shooting team investigates it thoroughly. **These Detectives are THE BEST in the country.** The shooting is then heard by a Use-of-Force Review Board consisting of high ranking LAPD officers, which rules if the shooting is in or out of policy. It then goes to the Chief of Police for final review then on to the Police Commission.

Your overturning, by a 3 to 2 margin, of an in-policy shooting in the Margaret Mitchell case has the stench of politics in it. Politics does not belong in the arena of police work. I don't care if 900,000 people were demonstrating at Parker Center. Your job is to examine the facts and render a just decision. **By overturning this case into an out-of-policy shooting you are sending the wrong message to the rank-and-file.** As it is now, the LAPD is having a serious attrition problem. In addition, they are having a very difficult time hiring new offi-

cers, so bad that they had to cancel the March 2000 class. The LAPD is about to have to send back to Washington over 8 million dollars in grants monies because they can't meet the hiring quota that this grant called for.

When I was a rep I had a very similar incident. In this case, the detective from the OIS shooting team made a great presentation to the Police Commission (it was not the Commission that currently presides) and they reversed their decision and made the shooting in policy. It sounds like Commissioners Chaleff, Jackson and Hansell should heed the advice of Ms. Grasso and attend some training like the other two Commissioners that ruled the shooting to be in-policy. WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!!

Very truly yours,
William A. Scheideker

President's Message

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be provided with the opportunity to be involved in any discussions between the DOJ and the City..."

We have a chance here to truly transform LAPD, which will never be what it was. But it can be even greater than those wonderful memories of yester-year.

Just like IBM, Ford, and GE have changed and risen from despair, we, too, can climb out of the hole. Even the media is beginning to realize that all of the horrible things coming out of Rampart, tie back to one person, the prisoner Perez. Both the media and DOJ realize that it is management, not rank and file, that have been lax and mediocre.

Some are beginning to realize that it may not have been too wise to have put so much credibility in a "star witness" who is a self-admitted perjurer, liar,

thief, dope dealer, attempted murderer, and all-around crook. What kind of credibility does he really have? But he made the deal of the century, played 'em like a fiddle, and will be a free man walking around L.A. before this crisis is solved.

We are the best officers in the world. We need not be ashamed. We will prevail and help guide this Department back to greatness. We want fairness, equal treatment, and the honor to protect and serve. Our voice will be heard.

The city managers need to invest in the future of our LAPD. That means, the city managers must negotiate to help rebuild, or suffer the short term consequences. LAPD is a powder keg ready to explode. This is the CRITICAL MASS. Please don't light the fuse by using some arcane theory of negotiations. We've been the most fair and professional bargaining team you've ever had. We implore you to be the same.

WHAT SHOULD WE SAY TO D.O.J.?

We need your help. We need your input. Please send your ideas on how to improve the system at LAPD. This is very serious. It includes active officers, retired officers, and civilian employees. If ever there was a time to make your voice heard, it's now.

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POLITICAL FRONTLINE

City Councilmember Mike Feuer:

Video Cameras Worn by Police Could Protect Citizens and Officers and Restore Public Trust, Councilman Says

The Los Angeles Police Department should start a pilot program in which officers wear small video cameras to record their interactions with the public, said Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Feuer.

"Miniature video cameras worn by officers would be a major step forward in policing," said Feuer, chair of the city's Budget and Finance Committee. "They'll help protect citizens from abuses of authority, protect officers from false claims of misconduct, assist in the prosecution of criminals, and most important, restore public trust in the LAPD."

Feuer introduced a motion in Council requesting a report from LAPD and other city agencies on the feasibility and cost of starting a pilot program similar to one underway in the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD). In that program deputies carry small video cameras attached to special vests. The cameras transmit their signals to videotape recorders in the trunks of patrol cars. The system produces fairly high quality images, and the tapes are archived for later use.

The system used by LASD is manufactured by SEMCO, a company based

in Vista, California. They cost from \$3,000 for a personal camera used alone to \$9,000 for an integrated system that uses both a personal camera and a car mounted camera. Depending on the results of its pilot program, the Sheriff's Department will consider equipping all deputies and patrol cars with video systems at an estimated cost of \$4 million.

LAPD already is installing video cameras on new patrol cars, and many officers use personal audiotape recorders to protect themselves from false claims of misconduct.

"Personal video cameras will serve this purpose more effectively and help rebuild the reputation of the Department," said Feuer. "The vast majority of our officers perform their jobs with professionalism and it's important that the public be able to see that firsthand."

Feuer's motion requests a report within 45 days on an array of issues, including how the tapes would be stored and retrieved, what the guidelines would be for their use, how officers would be selected to participate in the pilot, and how its success would be evaluated, among other issues.



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Councilmember Cindy Miskikowski recognizes LAPD officers for their efforts on behalf of victims of domestic violence.



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Councilmember Cindy Miskikowski recognizes Officers Mark Lauderdale and Lester Vargas at City Hall ceremony.



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City Attorney candidate Lea P. D'Agostino with Political Action Committee members.

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John Ferraro, Councilman, 4th District.

Ferraro's service on the Los Angeles City Council began in 1966 and he has been elected to serve nine consecutive terms, representing the fourth district through June 2003. The fourth District includes portions of North Hollywood and Toluca Lake as well as Griffith Park, Los Feliz, Silver Lake, the Hollywood Hills, Hollywood, Studio City, Larchmont Village, Windsor Square, Hancock Park, Park La Brea, and the Miracle Mile area. Prior to joining the City

Council, Ferraro served on the Los Angeles Police Commission, presiding as president of the commission for three terms.

A native of Los Angeles, Ferraro was an All-American tackle for the University of Southern California, which he attended on athletic scholarship. Ferraro played with the Trojans in three Rose Bowls. He was named to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame in 1974, the USC Hall of Fame in 1995 and the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 1996.

During World War II, Ferraro interrupted his studies at USC to join the United States Navy and was commissioned an Ensign, serving in the South Pacific aboard the USS Tomahawk and LST 237. Following his honorable discharge from the Navy, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from USC.

Currently Ferraro actively serves on several City Council committees including Chair of Rules and Elections, Vice Chair of Intergovernmental Relations, and a member of Commerce, Energy and Natural Resources.

Council President Ferraro has made significant contributions to the City of Los Angeles, and provided key leadership in a variety of citywide issues. He was instrumental in the achievement of dramatic improvements at the Los Angeles Zoo and played a key role in the addition of STAPLES Center to the downtown skyline, the selection of Los Angeles as a site of the Democratic National Convention 2000 and in bringing the 1984 Olympics to Los Angeles, an event which highlighted the City's international prominence.

Ferraro has been honored with numerous distinguished awards including the USC General Alumni Association's Asa V. Call Achievement Award, 1996; Los Angeles Marathon's 1999 Citizen of the Year Award; All City Employees Benefits Service Association 1995 Employee of the Year; Spirit of Los Angeles Award, 1992; and an Honorary Doctor of Law degree from Southwestern University, 1981 and GTE State Forum Award for community service.

Recognized as a leader in the community, Ferraro serves on the boards of a broad range of civic and

cultural organizations including the National League of Cities, Museum of Contemporary Art, Autry Museum of Western Heritage and the Hollywood-Wilshire YMCA. He is also a member of the Southern California Association of Governments, Los Angeles County Sanitation District, Interagency AQMD Implementation Committee and Southern California Water Committee. In addition, he is president of the League of California Cities and a past president of Independent Cities Association.

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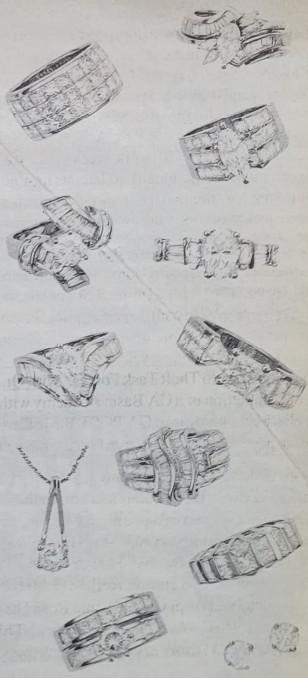
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ticipating in the Summer Games or any other off-duty athletic event associated with your department. Is your injury considered work-related, and will your employer provide you with all workers' compensation benefits?

The general principle governing recreational injuries is that such injuries will not be deemed industrial if they arise out of voluntary participating in any off-duty recreational, social, or athletic activity not constituting part of the employee's work-related duties, except where these activities are a reasonable expectancy of, or are expressly or impliedly required by the employment. Therefore, you begin with the premise that any injury occurring off duty while engaged in athletic activity is not industrial unless the employee has a reasonable expectancy that the activity causing the injury was required by the employment. In this regard, the courts have adopted a two-prong test to determine what constitutes "reasonable expectancy." The first test is whether the employee subjectively believes his or her participation in an activity is expected by the employer, and the second is whether that belief is objectively reasonable.

One can easily see that the above so-called tests are in themselves subjective and lead to constant litigation before the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, often with varied results. Recently, the Court of Appeal determined that a police officer who injured herself at home while practicing one protocol of an annual physical fitness was covered by workers' compensation as she held a subjective belief that as a condition of her employment, she was required to practice for the test and that said subjective belief was reasonable. However, in another decision, the court held that a deputy sheriff did not sustain an industrial injury while lifting weights at a private health club when evidence did not indicate that he had an objec-

tive reasonable belief that he was required by his employment to perform weight lifting or any other workout activities.

When police officers are injured during athletic events such as the upcoming Fire and Police Summer Games, each department will probably have a different response as to whether the injury is industrial. Many departments now specifically advise all of their officers that injuries occurring during the Police Summer Games will not be considered as on duty and that each participant is at their own risk. Other departments, however, still encourage officers to participate and willingly provide compensation coverage for injuries sustained during the events.

If there is any concern on your part that an injury during the Summer Games may not be covered as industrial, check with your department. Ask if any specific events are excluded and make certain you understand the guidelines of your department. The courts are prone to find a compensable injury when the employer receives a real and substantial benefit from the employee's activity and participating, such as "representing" the department at the Games. On the other hand, if the department specifically advises its members that certain events are excluded, the police officer will have an uphill battle to get the injury ruled industrial.

If you do suffer an injury while participating in the Summer Games or any other off-duty athletic event, don't be afraid to ask that it be covered as industrial. If the employer rejects your claim, consult an attorney as to what, if any, benefits you may be entitled to. Our attorneys will be present at the Fire and Police Summer Games at the exhibitor's hall to answer any questions that may arise during your participation. Feel free to drop by and learn about your rights. Good luck and stay healthy.

Take care and be safe.

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20/20 message line at (213) 368-7277 or our LAPD.com web site for the location and time of the debate. League bylaws require membership approval prior to any mayoral endorsement.

Rampart Investigation Continues

As we enter another month, the mushrooming Rampart investigation continues to drain the resources of the Department, Rampart Division and the entire criminal justice system. On April 24, 2000, three of our members were charged with a variety of felony criminal acts arising out of a 1996 arrest in Rampart Division. Two of the members are sergeants and one is an officer. The \$75,000 bail was excessively high and recommended by the District Attorney's office. They wanted the three veteran officers to be arrested and handcuffed rather than having them surrender themselves and post bail. The arraignment occurred in mid-May and the trial is set for this summer. I can assure you that we are standing by these members and will continue to represent them in the upcoming months.



photo by Dennis P. Zine

Sheriff Lee Baca showing support for LAPD officers by wearing a support LAPD officers blue ribbon pin.

Convention overtime account. This should provide 31,000 hours of overtime for sworn members. Nine-and-one-half million dollars is provided for approximately 330 new vehicles. Four million is provided to replace two choppers.

With the city's rosy financial picture, we should receive a very nice financial package on July 1, 2000.

Eagle and Badge Foundation Is Off and Running

Our non-profit Eagle and Badge Foundation is finally off the ground. If you know anyone interested in joining the Foundation, designed to assist our members' children and community students with scholarships, please contact me at the League. I will be happy to send them an application. The Eagle and Badge Foundation is a tax deductible 501C3 foundation.

She Loves Her Job

At a recent retirement party, I ran into a retiring sergeant and his wife. The sergeant is assigned to a coveted position and his wife is a flight attendant for a major airline. I have known both of them for years and remember when she was assigned to communications division as a dispatcher. We were talking about her career with the airlines and how much she enjoyed her job. I was shocked that she did not only enjoy and like her job, but flatly loved it. She was beaming with excitement as she described the working conditions and pleasure she receives from her airline career. She had no regrets about leaving the Department for the career change.

How refreshing it was to speak with someone who loved what she was doing for a career. I can remember when LAPD officers used to say the same. That was many years ago. I hope that the positive attitude and love for the job returns some day. Will it be soon? Only time will tell.

It sure would be nice to work for an organization that supported its members and rewarded those who did a good job, rather than torture everyone with negative discipline and stress.

I am always here for you and your needs. Please feel free to contact me with your concerns.

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Dates to Remember

June 18th is Father's Day. Remember your daddy with a nice gift. A new Harley or vacation would be nice.

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billboards around the city that currently say "Support LAPD." The wording on those billboards might change to say something like "9,000 of the finest police officers in the world looking for jobs, do you have one?" And I know that the Democrats don't want police officers picketing over labor issues in front of the National Convention. We have not asked for anything that is unreasonable or irresponsible, yet we might have to push a little harder. The fact is that the City of Los Angeles

would not be the tourist Mecca that it is, if not for the police department. Los Angeles would be just another big city with no future. Without you, Los Angeles is just a big toilet. It's time that people start paying attention, when this current trend of less crime begins to swing in the other direction it will be too late to rebuild a great department capable of dealing with the problems associated with increased crime. If the Department and the city leaders don't address these problems now, they will not have a Department capable of dealing with problems in the future. Have some vision!



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Police Officer III Mason Burroughs #24849

The Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention (TRAP) is a Los Angeles County regional, multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency taskforce that investigates, prosecutes and deters vehicle theft and vehicle fraud on a coordinated and cooperative basis. It is authorized by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and administered through the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee with cooperation from the Los Angeles County Chiefs of Police. The Los Angeles Police Department is a major participant of this project and the deployment of personnel is through Burglary-Auto Theft Division.

During the latter part of 1998, Police Officer III Mason Burroughs #24849, who is assigned to TRAP, spearheaded the investigation of organized crime members involved in the importation of stolen vehicles into the state of California. Specifically, the investigation disclosed that members of the Mexican Mafia were importing upscale late model stolen vehicles from Mexico into California in order to sell them. Some of the vehicles had been manufactured in Mexico by American subsidiaries. The lengthy investigation led Burroughs and members of his unit to an automotive business in San Gabriel Valley. Through many hours of surveillance, Burroughs observed numerous new vehicles displaying Mexican license plates parked in

the vicinity of the business. After obtaining the license plate numbers, the Mexican Border Liaison Unit of California Highway Patrol was contacted. Through their international resources, the vehicles in question were confirmed as stolen. During the month that followed, potential suspects were located and interviewed. Many undercover operations followed, involving the concerned suspects. Consequently, seven locations were targeted and search warrants served. The search warrants unveiled the much-needed evidence to achieve the cohesiveness in the facts surrounding the investigation. Furthermore, liaison was established with the Office of the Mexican Attorney General in Los Angeles. This contact facilitated the flow of information regarding the victims and established the protocol for the return of the stolen vehicles to the victims.

During the month of January 2000, this investigation concluded with the recovery of nineteen vehicles, a motor home and two seadous (water craft). Additionally, investigators recovered \$150,000 of stolen computer equipment from a cargo theft occurring in San Leandro, Northern California. The investigation resulted in the prosecution of six suspects. To date, one of the suspects has been convicted for auto theft and sentenced to state prison.

Police Officer III Mason Burroughs is commended for his commitment and

resourcefulness in conducting this complicated investigation. His efforts resulted in the recovery of many vehicles, which had been stolen in a foreign

country and prevented the victimization of American citizens who may have purchased these vehicles.

City Employees Receive 1999 Career Service Awards

The Career Service Awards Program was instituted by the City of Los Angeles in 1971. It began with the idea that well-deserved recognition and an official "thank you" should be given to outstanding employees.

These awards continue to be very important, as they represent one of the few ways in which elected officials can acknowledge the important contributions of dedicated City employees.

Each year, employees are nominated by their department/bureau head for outstanding public service and achievements beyond the call of duty. Recipients are recognized during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting and are presented with plaques to commemorate both the occasion and their achievements.

Vivian Flores, Sergeant, Los Angeles Police Dept.

Sergeant Flores, a twelve-and-a-half-year veteran, is largely responsible for the success of the Blythe Street Project, which attempted to decrease crime in her patrol area and improve the quality

of life for those in the community. Of primary concern was the ongoing problem with the Blythe Street Gang, which was responsible for the majority of the crime in the area. Sergeant Flores part-



Sgt. Vivian Flores, with husband Jeff Hart, Capt. McNamara, Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg and Civil Service Commissioner Sharon Shuster, receiving Career Service Award.

nanced with residents and business owners to increase awareness of crime. Her hard work was rewarded. The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office filed an injunction against the Blythe Street Gang.

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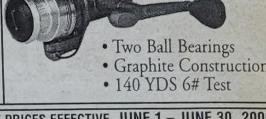
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

In the Line of Duty—Officers Killed by Friendly Fire

by Craig W. Floyd

Shoot, or don't shoot. That is the question every police officer has to face when they are confronted by a person with a gun. They usually have less than a second to make the decision. If they make the wrong choice, it could cost them their life.

A Washington, D.C., police officer was faced with that choice one cold February evening in 1995. He and his partner were barely 10 minutes into their shift. They were on their way to serve a subpoena in Southeast Washington. But, as they drove to the crest of a hill, they spotted a man holding a gun. They turned on their flashing lights and raced to the scene up ahead.

Slamming on the brakes, the officer jumped out of his car and assumed a shooter's stance with legs spread apart. With both hands, he trained his service weapon on the man with the gun, who was now about 20 feet in front of him. He had his back to the officer and was aiming his weapon at two men struggling in the street near a taxicab. The officer identified himself and shouted at the gunman to drop his weapon. The man instinctively turned to see who was giving the order. When he turned toward the officer, so did his gun. Fearing for his life, the officer fired and shot the man twice.

The officer rushed to his car radio, reported the shooting and called for an ambulance. His partner ran to the shooting victim to check his condition. When he pulled open the man's jacket, he found something he hadn't expected. There was a police badge clipped to the man's belt. He was an off-duty D.C. police officer. His name was James McGee.

The investigation found that Officer McGee was off duty and in street clothes when he stumbled upon two men robbing a cab driver at gunpoint. He was trying to help the cab driver and make an arrest when the other officers drove up. It was simply a horrible case of mistaken identity.

Officer McGee is one of nearly 200 law enforcement professionals who have been killed in what is commonly referred to as "friendly fire" incidents. Some, like Officer McGee, were the tragic victims of mistaken identity. But many others simply succumbed to the inherent dangers on the job. On March 12, 1925, Michigan State Trooper William Martz was accidentally shot and killed when a colleague's gun accidentally discharged. Just two months later, Toledo (OH) Patrolman Walter Mullin was shot by his partner while chasing down a prowler. In 1984, U.S. Capitol Police Sergeant Christopher S. Eney was accidentally shot and killed during a training exercise that went terribly awry.

The most recent case involved a Providence (RI) police officer named Cornel Young, Jr. According to newspaper accounts, Officer Young was off duty and picking up a steak sandwich at an all-night diner around 1:40 a.m. on January 28 when a fight broke out in the parking lot. One of the participants had pulled a gun. As other officers arrived on the scene in response to the disturbance, Officer Young, who was not in uniform, drew his weapon and went into the parking lot to assist his colleagues. His chief later described what Officer Young did as "an act of heroism." But in the chaos that followed, Officer Young was mistaken for a second armed suspect who did not drop his weapon when ordered to by police. Sensing that he posed an imminent threat to the other officers on the scene, he was shot and killed.

Officer Young was an African-American officer and the officers who shot him were not. As a result, some have charged that a form of racial profiling might have been responsible for his death, and for other similar incidents involving black officers being killed by a white colleague. Officer McGee's case falls into this category, as does another recent case that resulted in the off-duty shooting death of Washington, D.C. Police Officer Thomas Hamlette, Jr.

However, a closer look at the files of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial suggests that friendly fire does not discriminate—officers of all color appear to be at risk. A look at the numbers tells us that there have been 180 cases of police officers being killed by a colleague between the first such incident in 1893 and Officer Young's death in January. Of that total, 32 of the cases involved the accidental discharge of a firearm, 24 were caught in crossfire with criminal suspects or were hit by stray bullets, and 14 were killed accidentally during training exercises. In 82 of the cases, there is simply not enough information to determine which of these classifications might apply.

However, it is clear that 28 of the friendly fire deaths resulted from a case of mistaken identity—the officer who died was considered a criminal suspect posing an imminent danger. In seven of those cases the victim officer was African-American; in eight of the cases the victim officer was Caucasian; and in 13 cases the victim officer's race is unknown.

The most recent case of mistaken identity involving a white officer occurred on February 10, 1995. Roseville (CA) Officer Mark White was out of uniform and ready to leave for the day when a man intent on committing suicide walked into police headquarters and pulled a gun on the counter clerk. In the confusion that followed, Officer White was mistaken for the intruder and killed by a fellow officer. In a similar case, Robin Ahrens, a white female FBI special agent was accidentally shot and killed by fellow agents in 1985 when she was mistaken for the armed associate of a wanted fugitive.

Certainly one of the most tragic cases of mistaken identity occurred on March 2, 1929, when two Jersey City (NJ) patrolmen were shot and killed. In what was reported to be "a frantic hunt for bandits" who had staged four robberies in as many nights, Jersey City Police

Commissioner John Beggans had placed officers in plain clothes all over the city. One of those officers, John J. Shanahan, 27, was working the robbery detail on that fatal Saturday night when he spotted four youths he thought were acting suspiciously. He briefly questioned the youths, but when he started to walk with them toward a street corner to be picked up by a patrol wagon, they attempted to flee. Officer Shanahan fired a warning shot over their heads. Hearing the shot, another plainclothes officer, Walter O'Neill, pulled his service weapon and ran to investigate. The next shot fired by Officer Shanahan struck Officer O'Neill in the kidneys. It is unclear whether Officer Shanahan perceived his police colleague to be a threat, or if Officer O'Neill simply stepped into the line of fire at the worst possible moment. Either way, Officer O'Neill fell to the ground mortally wounded.

The tragedy was compounded when a third police officer, Joseph Ihms, responded to the chaotic scene. One of the fleeing youths, who later said he thought he was being chased by a bandit, not the police, yelled out a warning to Patrolman Ihms. Pointing to Patrolman Shanahan, he said, "Look out for that man. He's got a gun." Patrolman Ihms fired a warning shot over his colleague's head, but there was no surrender. Patrolman Ihms then shot to kill, hitting Patrolman Shanahan in the shoulder and knocking him to the ground. Patrolman Ihms pounced on his shooting victim, still not recognizing him as a fellow officer. When Patrolman Shanahan frantically tried to retrieve his revolver, Patrolman Ihms shot him again, this time through the hand. Only then did Patrolman Shanahan cry out, "I'm a police officer." It was too late. Patrolmen O'Neill and Shanahan were rushed to the hospital where they both died a short while later.

(Craig Floyd is Chairman of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Washington, D.C.)

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Officers' "Bill of Rights" Legislation Introduced; NAPO Urges Speedy Congressional Consideration

Washington, D.C.—On March 9, 2000, nine U.S. Representatives introduced H.R. 3896, the "State and Local Law Enforcement Discipline, Accountability, and Due Process Act of 2000." (The bill was introduced by Congressman Jim Ramstad (R-MN), with Representatives Tom Davis (R-VA), Robert Ehrlich, Jr. (R-MD), James Moran (D-VA), Steven Rothman (D-NJ), Loretta Sanchez (D-CA), Brad Sherman (D-CA), Ted Strickland (D-OH), and Lee Terry (R-NE), as co-sponsors.) Likewise, on March 21, 2000, Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE) and Mitch McConnell (R-KY) introduced companion legislation in the Senate, S. 2256. This comprehensive bill was drafted and supported by the National Association of Police Organizations, the Fraternal Order of Police and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers.

NAPO Executive Director Robert T. Scully stated, "Too often law enforcement officers are subjected to the whim of their departments or local politics during internal investigations and administrative hearings. At the same time, citizens should have a right to file a complaint, have the complaint investigated and be informed of the final disposition of the complaint. Throughout

the country, many states lack guidelines and procedures for state and local police departments to follow in investigating allegations against officers and in considering disciplinary action, thereby violating basic standards of fairness and officer due process rights. Also, management routinely violates officer First Amendment rights to engage in political activity through unconstitutional guidelines."

Scully further stated, "Sworn law enforcement officers are held to a much higher standard of personal and professional conduct due to the enormous responsibilities they are given. However, many officers are denied the same basic due process rights that citizens in this country enjoy. In roughly half of the states in this country, officers enjoy some legal protections against false accusations and abusive conduct, but hundreds of thousands of officers have very limited due process rights and confront limitations on their exercise of other rights, such as the right to engage in political activities."

Scully continued, "The passage of this legislation will require states that do not currently have law enforcement discipline, accountability and due process

statutes to enact such legislation. Implementation of standards and procedures to guide both state and local law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers is the least that we can do for the hundreds of thousands of officers who sacrifice much to serve their communities and who are prepared to give up their lives at a moment's notice for public safety. The public should know that this bill applies only to the possible administrative and disciplinary charges of misconduct and would not apply to or in any way affect investigations of likely criminal misconduct."

Scully concluded, "In addition, there is also a need to hold police officers accountable and to ensure that complaints against officers are fully investigated. Guidelines and procedures need to be implemented by local and state police departments, to ensure this accountability through careful scrutiny of citizen complaints. Individuals should have the right to file a complaint, to have the complaint investigated, and to learn the outcome of any discipline resulting from the complaint. This bill would do exactly that."

Both bills contain the following protections and requirements:

Law enforcement officers would have the right to engage in political activity and would not be prohibited from running for elective office because of their profession.

The proposal sets forth procedures for receipt and investigation of complaints against officers.

If disciplinary action is contemplated, officers would be notified of the investi-

gation, the nature of the alleged violation, and the eventual outcome of the investigation and the recommendations made to superiors by the investigators.

Questioning of law enforcement officers would be conducted at reasonable times, preferably while the officer is on duty unless exigent circumstances apply.

Questioning of officers would take place at the office of those conducting the investigation or at the place where the officer reports to work, unless the officer consents to another location.

Officers would be questioned by a single investigator, and the officer would be informed of the name, rank, and command of the officer conducting the investigation.

Officers could not be threatened, harassed, or promised rewards to induce the answering of questions.

Officers under investigation would be entitled to have counsel or any other individual of their choice present at the interrogation.

For their defense, officers would be entitled to a hearing, notification in advance of the date of the hearing, and access to transcripts and other relevant documents and evidence generated by the hearing. The officer would also be entitled to be represented by counsel or another person at the hearing.

Officers could not be subject to retaliation for the exercise of these or any other rights under law.

Officers would have the opportunity to comment in writing on any adverse materials placed in his or her personnel file.

Milton Grimes Owes Officer David Love \$60,000 for "House Negro" Label

by Michael P. Stone, Esq.



My brothers, the most offensive entity during the slave trade when it was going on was the "house negro." Officer Love is representative of that. In 1994, Rodney King's lawyer, Milton Grimes, said these words about LAPD Officer David Love at a press conference outside the federal courthouse during King's civil damages trial after Love testified. Grimes also said Love lied under oath to protect other officers in the King incident and to protect his job with the LAPD.

Love, the only black officer present at the King arrest on March 3, 1991, denied, under examination by Grimes, that he heard any officer use any racial names or epithets at any time during the King incident. In fact, he testified, if he had heard such things, and because he is black, he would have been offended and he would have reported the person who made such statements.

The press conference was attended by numerous members of the electronic and print media, including Linda

Deutsch, an Associated Press reporter. In her article, she described these statements made by Grimes which were then republished in newspapers throughout the country. Television stations played footage of the statements by Grimes during news programs which featured films of Officer David Love walking into court to testify, immediately followed by footage of the Grimes' press conference including the "house negro" reference.

Represented by Michael P. Stone, P.C. lawyers, David Love sued Grimes for defamation (for saying Love committed perjury) and for intentional infliction of emotional distress ("house negro"). The case was tried to a jury in September, 1997. The jury awarded Officer Love \$40,000 in emotional distress damages but found no damages for defamation (impliedly finding that Love's reputation in the relevant community had not been damaged). The jury also voted to assess punitive damages against Grimes, finding that his statements were malicious and intended to harm David Love. However, the jury was unable to agree on the amount of punitive damages that should be awarded, and once they deadlocked, the trial judge Joseph Kalin declared a mistrial. In conversa-

tions with some of the jurors, it was learned that the range of suggestions for an amount of punitive damages fell between a few thousand and \$100,000.

Grimes and Love's counsel, Michael P. Stone, stipulated that the punitive damage portion of the case could be retried as a bench trial, leaving the jury's \$40,000 verdict intact. After hearing additional evidence, including Grimes' financial condition, Judge Kalin assessed an additional \$20,000 in punitive damages against Grimes. Grimes appealed.

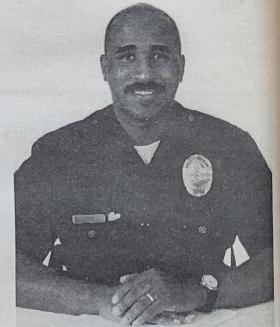
The Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Three, in an unpublished opinion, affirmed the judgment in all respects.

Many of the issues on appeal concern the claimed invalidity of using "deemed admitted" requests for admissions to establish that these statements were made, and that they were knowingly false, and to establish so-called "constitutional malice," a necessary element where a public official (such as police officer Love) sues someone for defamation. Federal and state First Amendment decisions require that the plaintiff in such cases establish with "clear and convincing proof" the "constitutional malice" elements (for example, that the speaker knew that the statements were false, or uttered the statements with reckless disregard of their truth or falsity).

In pre-trial proceedings, including a motion for summary judgment, Ms. Munia Busailah, Esq. of the Stone law firm demonstrated to the court that Grimes had repeatedly failed to respond to interrogatories and requests for admissions. As a sanction for this conduct, the judge granted Ms. Busailah's motion to have the requests for admissions deemed admitted (meaning that they could not be controverted at trial) and that Grimes would not be permitted to put on any evidence at trial for which information was solicited in interrogatories to Grimes, and for which Grimes did not provide adequate answers.

These orders permitted Love's counsel to move for summary judgment prior to trial on the issue of liability to Love which was granted, fairly foreclosing Grimes from offering a defense at trial.

Nevertheless, Grimes was permitted to testify that he acted in good faith and to offer the jury his explanation of his motivation and belief in making the



statements that he did, which included his testimony that he believed Love lied.

Love's testimony regarding the emotional injury he suffered, including extreme embarrassment and humiliation, was supplemented by the testimony of a psychiatrist, Dr. Joel Dryer, who examined Love and found indicators of significant emotional trauma. David Love's brother, Douglas, a prominent Los Angeles lawyer and also his identical twin, testified to the emotional trauma David suffered in the family setting.

Michael P. Stone tried the case for Officer Love. Marc Berger and Gregory Emerson, both of the Stone law firm, wrote the appellate brief and argued in the Court of Appeal, respectively.

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PERSPECTIVE ON THE LAPD SCANDAL

A Few—Only a Few—CRASH Cowboys Took an Outlaw Path

by Joseph Wambaugh

Like My Lai, Rampart will prove to be the whole iceberg, not the tip of the iceberg.

Thirty-two years ago, there occurred in a Vietnamese village an incident so horrendous that it nearly brought an end to the war: a massacre of helpless civilians by a platoon of U.S. soldiers. Many investigations were launched, all proclaiming that My Lai was "the tip of the iceberg." Vietnamese civilians were invited to come forward with similar tales, and former G.I.s were prodded into offering any like stories or rumors or hearsay.

Yet after Lt. William Calley, the leader of the slaughter, was court-martialed and sentenced, the story lost its legs. Finally it died not with a bang but a whimper. There were no other massacres. My Lai was an aberration never seen again during all the years of that terrible war. Only Calley's platoon shed its discipline, its training, its humanity, by reverting to organized savagery. Why those few out of an army of hundreds of thousands turned barbaric has never

been explained. By its very nature, an aberration cannot be explained.

Flash-forward to the current Rampart Division scandal. One wonders if Chief Bernard C. Parks ever thinks in terms of metaphor and history. If so, he should consider the fate of Gen. William C. Westmoreland, who was also dedicated, intelligent and experienced. Like Parks, he was a tall, handsome, recruitment poster leader perfectly designed for the camera. Yet while the camera loved him, the media did not, and Westmoreland paid a price for it. That general can be morphed into Chief Parks with little imagination and effort.

When super-competent Parks took over the LAPD from incompetent Chief Willie Williams, he was welcomed by his officers with all the goodwill in the world, but he has squandered most of it with an inflexible management style and a reluctance to share power. His "my way or the highway" rigidity has driven many qualified officers to other police departments, where there is a compressed work schedule or other morale enticement that Parks will not consider.

Worse yet, Parks' personality defects are becoming ever more apparent to the

media covering the Rampart scandal. The chief can be abrupt and imperious, giving rise to an impression that he is covering up when the opposite more likely is true. This scandal was uncovered by the LAPD. It is being effectively, even ruthlessly, investigated by the LAPD, with the assistance of six FBI agents recently invited in to reassure a suspicious public.

I believe that the Rampart scandal will prove to be the LAPD's My Lai incident, confined to the outrageous conduct of a few bad cops out of a force of 9,000 good ones. But it may provoke Parks into a face-saving purge of scores of officers for minor, unrelated infractions that have nothing at all to do with the criminal activity described by rogue cop Rafael Perez. Nevertheless, many police families will suffer from the pay loss.

I believe that in the end the Rampart investigation will reveal that only a few CRASH unit cowboys donned the black hat, at first a law unto themselves and, finally, outlaws unto themselves. Those few will be charged with felonies, yet police critics will remain unsatisfied. LAPD morale will be further damaged, proactive street police work will be diminished, and more good cops will seek positions with other police departments.

Back when Parks was a rookie, the department had a chief with the personality tools and the media rapport that could defuse a Rampart scandal. Chief Tom Reddin was so respected and trusted by the media that he could have

introduced proportionality to the affair even while conducting a vigorous internal inquiry. He could have used the press and television media to convey a message that the department would purge the correct few and that the people would continue being served by one of the finest police agencies in the world.

In fact, to this very day, Reddin is the only LAPD chief to truly understand and appreciate that there cannot be a first-rate police force if it operates in a suspicious media environment. He immediately would have pointed out that a few criminal cops do not remotely equate to systemic corruption, because systemic corruption cannot possibly exist unless the city government itself is corrupt, unless the chief himself is corrupt. A fish rots from the head.

For all his talent and integrity, Parks cannot seem to grasp the lessons taught by that Vietnam-era police chief. Yet it's easy for one to imagine Reddin, during the initial stages of a scandal, gathering every reporter in town, making readers and viewers believe him by saying something like: "This terrible event is not the tip of an iceberg. This is the iceberg. And I promise you we'll steer past it. With your help. Together."

Unlike all his successors, that chief trusted the media to be fair with the LAPD if he was open and fair with them.

In short, what is lacking now is that quality that has always defined a good and effective street cop: the ability to step back, sit down and . . . schmooze.

(Joseph Wambaugh, a former LAPD officer, is the author of 15 books, including "The Delta Star," which is set in the Rampart Division.)

LAPD Commemorative Yearbook 2000

The Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club Inc. (LAPRAAC) is developing a new commemorative yearbook honoring the Los Angeles Police Department. The last LAPD yearbook was published in 1984. The new yearbook will be published in December, 2000.

The format for the new yearbook will be completely revised. The yearbook will contain over 1,000 pictures of events featuring members of the LAPD since 1984. It will contain sections that highlight each year from 1984 to the present. Scores of pictures from the 1984 Olympic Games, the Papal visit in 1987, the earthquakes, riots, and North Hollywood bank shootout are only a few of the events that will be immortalized in this yearbook!

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Recently Retired Captain III Speaks Out-Letter to the Editor Comments from Kosovo

by Thomas R. Moselle,
Retired Captain LAPD
Pristina, Kosovo

Recently I retired from the Los Angeles Police Department as an Area Commanding Officer. I am now working in Kosovo to help build a new Police Service for the people of Kosovo. For over 32 years I was a member of the Los Angeles Police Department. I was proud of its people and tradition. I continue to be proud of the LAPD and know that there are no finer men and women in the police service than those who wear the LAPD badge. I am, however, appalled at the lack of "leadership" displayed by the Chief of Police. I emphasize leadership because what he has done during his tenure has not been leadership. To be sure, it is a sense of control but it is not leadership. It is no surprise to many of us who suffered under his direction that events unfolding today in places such as Rampart Area have occurred. There are those who would have us believe that the current problem officers in the Los Angeles Police Department were the result of the voters approval of an ill conceived change in the city charter. That somehow these problem officers were the product of a Chief of Police other than Bernard Parks or that the rapid increase in the size of the Department allowed unsavory and unqualified individuals to become members of the Los Angeles Police Department. These are all excuses for the breakdown of an organization which instead of changing its way of doing business simply moved organizational functions around. Hopefully the people of Los Angeles will not be so easily duped.

There is a very strong and powerful click of former Staff and Chief Officers of the Department who repeatedly come out against any serious change in the organizational structure of the Los Angeles Police Department. We all saw that happen during the investigations following the Rodney King incident. It continued during the process resulting in the removal of Daryl Gates and the subsequent selection of Willie Williams as the first Chief of Police from outside the hierarchy of the Department. We saw it again during the campaign for reforms to the City Charter and now when one of their own is once more at risk their voices are again raised.

As Chief of Police, Bernard Parks has not provided the appropriate organizational direction and support to help Command Officers prevent incidents such as has occurred in Rampart Area. Sadly, there have been and there will always be individuals who use the badge for personal gain or for some perverted sense of justice. Internal investigations were a necessary part of the Department's organization long before the recent Charter amendments. To insinuate that corruption is somehow a current phenomenon is a fantasy. Functions such as Internal Affairs Division are generally effective at identifying and controlling such incidents, but they are all too often after the fact. What prevents such behavior is a workforce that is proud of its traditions, has forward-thinking, employee-oriented, leaders with a sufficient number of solid, competent, local supervisors who are not hampered by a department's misdirected attempts at justification by something called a focused accountability on numbers of arrests, complaints or

even crime statistics. A healthy, viable organization will take care of these things as a matter of course. The Los Angeles Police Department has people capable of creating such a workforce. They just have not been allowed to work in an environment that supports them.

The Department has far too few supervisors and those it has have been kept busy pursuing, among other things, frivolous personnel investigations caused by the Chief's policies. Command staff who should and would be maintaining closer supervision of their commands are busy outside their commands because of the Chief's misdirected actions. Any who will admit it will acknowledge they are concerned about the consequences of his actions and reorganization of the Department. But few will step forward because of the Chief's potential for intimidation.

One thing to consider at a time such as this is the Chief's request to remove from civil service any ranks within the Police Department. Do not give this Chief more power by removing civil service protection from any of the ranks of the Department. Such action would only exacerbate an already difficult situation and in fact help breed the very corruption that some of his supporters have voiced concern about. What is needed is a Department with people free to express themselves. Where Labor, Line and Command personnel sit down together and meet the needs of all those who work or live in the city. But such a situation requires a leader who is willing to accept openness and that is not the situation within the Los Angeles Police Department at this time. Such a scenario has, however, been close to achievement within the Los Angeles Police Department. In the three decades that touched my career I was privileged to witness at least two occasions where serious change was close at hand in the Los Angeles Police Department.

Certainly from where I sit today, in a land full of promise yet destroyed by strife, one can see such a loss of potential. The comparison cannot be escaped. It is rather amazing that the present can often only be seen clearly from the future. The past somehow magnifies itself. Issues can become clearer from some point beyond their occurrence and perspective can provide us with new heroes or challenges that differ from those we once had.

Those who remember the social turmoil of the 1960s will recall how efficient the LAPD had become. Under the firm direction of William H. Parker, the Department grew to become a recognized leader in the delivery of law enforcement practices. Those practices were professionally, efficiently delivered. Many, and I am one of those, believe that in spite of its professionalism, the Department became coldly efficient. While not causing the riot of 1965, the Department's cold but efficient practices certainly played against the social turmoil of the times and contributed to the tension in the community. There comes a point when overwhelming force is the only option, and such is certainly necessary during periods of widespread civil unrest, but it is only after serious attempts at working with all involved parties has failed that such force should be used. Recognizing early opportunities for mediation is critical to a leader's success and the ability to understand the dynamics of power are basic to its pres-

ence in any individual. To be really powerful one must be able to share power both within and outside of the organization. Unfortunately such has not been the legacy of Chiefs of the Los Angeles Police Department. This is significant in its application to the current Chief.

One of the greatest minds the LAPD has produced was Ed Davis. While being outspoken and often outrageous in his comments, he introduced the Department, the city and indeed the nation to a new way of policing. His introduction of the Basic Cell Plan and the concept of Territorial Imperative were the foundation of a philosophy now labeled "Community Policing." His reorganization of the Department along geographical lines and away from purely functional lines was one that could have brought true decentralization of command and increased community involvement to the Department and indeed if followed by other city leaders, a sense of Community Government (a phrase Bernard Parks has become famous for but was being used by a number of us inside the Department since early 1992) to other city agencies. Under Ed Davis the Department not only continued its reputation for efficiency but approached its capacity for becoming an effective police agency as well. In doing so he found many enemies both within the Department and in the local government it served. Unfortunately his efforts were basically abandoned in the years following his tenure as Chief.

Daryl Gates did some outstanding work for the Department. He was a dynamic leader and initially presented an outstanding image. Over time, however, the Department returned to its coldly efficient methodology. Occupational hordes were assigned to crime-ridden areas and "results"-driven numbers of arrests were made. In effect a "body count" was established and this mentality has again raised the head in comments from the Mayor about his concern with lower arrest numbers. Officers assigned to work in and with specific communities were all too often reassigned without consideration for the impact on community contacts established and in 1991, following the Rodney King incident, the Department found itself once again facing a disenchanted community just as it did in 1965. Unfortunately the results were the same in both incidents and the city again experienced the worst rioting in the nation's history, a sorry legacy for both the Department and the city. This situation did not go unnoticed within the Department and many attempted to speak out but entrenched managers are often loath to hear dissent. Meanwhile a new breed of leader was emerging within the Department and awaiting an opportunity to come forth.

That opportunity was felt to exist with the selection of a new Chief of Police. One who would come from outside the organizational structure of the Department. It wasn't necessary that the new Chief be selected from outside because there were capable, free minds available within the Department but politics had its way. An outsider was named as the new Chief of Police.

Willie Williams was the wrong man for the job but his ideas were right. He spoke of quality policing and of an orientation to those we serve both within the Department and in the community. His initial steps at reconciliation with the community, city government and Department labor were welcome and overdue. The Department found that indeed the community and business leaders were anxious to help and desired to be actively involved in bringing about needed organizational changes. Under the direction of then Commander Art Lopez, a Service Excellence Design Team was implemented and with help from outside

organizations such as Xerox, Texaco, Arco, the Southern California Gas Company, TRW and Northrop Aircraft Corporation steps were taken to create an open, involved work force.

Months of planning and training went into the effort and over 35 members of the Department were prepared and excited about stepping into their new roles as facilitators to implement the needed and recommended changes. The Los Angeles Police Department was poised for greatness. Community Policing was experiencing a rebirth within the Department. A new national standard in policing was again at the threshold and within the grasp of Los Angeles. The truly exciting aspect of that experience was that it was participated in and supported by a growing number of the Department's own members and leaders. The ability and desire for serious organizational change was there inside the Los Angeles Police Department. Sadly, the man chosen to lead the Department through such a dynamic change was not up to the task. His shortcomings were seen, not only as a personal fault, but mistakenly as an indictment on his message. Again selection of a new Chief of Police was undertaken. Again the wrong man was chosen and this time even his message is wrong. Bernard Parks is the wrong man, with the wrong message at the wrong time for Los Angeles. He is a throwback to days past, long past.

You have as a Chief of Police a man who will not listen to the seasoned and educated experience of his line personnel, labor leaders or his Command and Staff Officers. He has been driven by the political expediency of accountability and he cannot stand accused of this alone. Politics has again caused the erosion of understanding and patience. Rather than take a sensible approach to rebuilding the Department after the events of the early '90s, city leaders allowed the Mayor to put a man in charge of the Department who would manage, not by example and not through leadership practices that would move the Department forward, but by using the tired and autocratic methods of fear and intimidation. Staff meetings were no more than a show with little controversial input. Those of us who did question the direction being taken were similarly ridiculed or received a swift, if implied, rebuke. The Chief had already decided what was best for the Department and there was no need for discussion. His reorganization of the Department and the elimination of the Patrol Captain position expanded the number of people that the Area Commanding Officers had to directly supervise. Besides taking the Area Commanding Officer out of the community, this reorganization virtually ensured that the Area Captain would not be able to exercise the amount of oversight needed to properly manage his/her command. The Chief's untimely and rash reassessment of the Senior Lead Officer away from regular contact with the community only serves to alienate the Department once again from the people they are sworn to protect and serve. Additionally, the Chief instituted new disciplinary procedures, which were harshly, unfairly and unnecessarily implemented. These actions caused the Department's Board of Rights appeal process to be overwhelmed. All of this resulted in more Command Officers being out of their commands and unavailable to build relationships with their officers and communities that help to prevent incidents of corruption as seen in Rampart. I know that the City Council questioned this and was assured by the Chief that it was not a problem. The City Council should have listened to their Field Representatives. They

NAPO Submits Amicus Curiae Brief to U.S. Supreme Court in *Dickerson v. United States*

U.S. Supreme Court Scheduled to Hear Case

Washington, D.C.—The National Association of Police Organizations, Inc. (NAPO) submitted to the United States Supreme Court an *amicus curiae* ("friend-of-the-court") brief in support of affirming the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in the case of *Dickerson v. United States*. NAPO seeks to affirm this decision that a Federal statute, 18 U.S. Code, section 3501, allows a judge to admit into evidence a voluntary and uncoerced statement by Charles Dickerson implicating him in a bank robbery, even though the *Miranda* warnings were not given because there was an issue of whether he was in custody. NAPO represents 4,000 law enforcement organizations, with 220,000 sworn law enforcement officers nationwide. The International Brotherhood of Police Officers and the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association joined in NAPO's brief.

Summary of the Argument in the Amicus Curiae Brief

The focus of law enforcement is to elicit truthful and reliable information, for the purpose of investigating crimes, clearing innocent suspects, and convicting the guilty. Interrogation of criminal suspects without coerced self-incrimination is a recognized and integral component of law enforcement, because it is often the only way to learn the truth and determine the facts and circumstances of criminal activity. Thus, voluntary and uncoerced confessions and statements from suspects are inherently reliable and often necessary to solve crimes and then to apprehend and punish the offenders. In excluding such statements, *Miranda* defeats this truth finding function of effective law enforcement and returns confessing suspects to the streets.

The case concerns the power of Congress to make a judgment different from that of the Supreme Court which decided *Miranda*, concerning the mechanism best suited to preserve the principle articulated in the Fifth Amendment that, "No person . . . shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself." The primary task for the courts in applying the Fifth Amendment privilege against compelled self-incrimination should be to decide whether a suspect's statement was involuntary and coerced, not to exclude reliable and crucial evidence based on courtroom battles concerning technicalities. For example, defendants will routinely litigate in criminal cases whether the *Miranda* warnings were given clearly or early enough (for example, was the defendant really in custody); such efforts become a judicial game of giving defendants a chance of non-prosecution or acquittal, even if there were no coercion or other compulsion during their interrogations. Moreover, while many officers would likely continue to give *Miranda* warnings if Section 3501 is upheld (because that is one factor for the courts to consider), the *Miranda* warnings should not be constitutionally compelled, because they are not necessary to conduct interrogations which comply with the requirements of the Fifth Amendment.

In sum, the *Miranda* formula is at odds with the values of the Fifth Amendment, offers only the illusion of a "bright line" to preserve those values, is the archetypal "technicality" which undermines confidence in the criminal justice system, and sets up an artificial tradeoff between the constitutional right against compelled self-incrimination and the interests of society in fair and effective law enforcement.

Law Enforcement's Interest in This Case

Law enforcement officers have a significant interest in this case because the constitutional principles governing interrogations play a central role in the day-to-day operations of identifying and apprehending criminal offenders. NAPO's Executive Director Robert T. Scully stated, "Congress crafted section 3501 with an appreciation of the variety of circumstances in which interrogations occur. This statute recognizes that a confession may be voluntary, even if the *Miranda* warnings are not given, and that the rigid application of *Miranda's* formula, far from benefiting law enforcement, creates an unnecessary cost to the truth-finding function of a criminal trial. While the statute applies only to Federal cases, the states can be expected to follow Congress's lead if the Supreme Court upholds section 3501."

Scully continued, "It is the purpose of the Fifth Amendment to curb abusive practices, not to protect people from themselves when they believe it is in their interest to provide incriminating information or when they are ignorant of the consequences of incriminating themselves. The *Miranda* formula is indeed the 'technicality' which undermines confidence in the criminal justice system. Voluntary, reliable confessions are excluded from evidence for technical violations of *Miranda*, even when there is no suggestion of police wrongdoing or external coercion of any kind, just inadvertence or confusion instead. (In this case, the court disagreed with the police on the precise time Dickerson was considered in custody and the warnings required.) Consequently, a police officer, no matter how careful, is faced with defense attorneys routinely seeking to exclude voluntary, reliable confessions on the basis of a technicality. This process of allowing confessing criminals to go free takes on the appearance of a game."

Scully continued, "Police professionals are trained in proper interview and interrogation techniques to seek the truth and to avoid practices that yield coerced or involuntary statements, which are inherently unreliable. This emphasis in police training of using constitutionally permissible means to learn the truth should assuage concerns about systemic overreaching by law enforcement officers."

As Justice Byron White stated in his prophetic dissent in *Miranda*: "In some unknown number of cases the Court's rule will return a killer, a rapist or other criminal to the streets . . . to repeat his crime whenever it pleases him. . . . There is, of course, a saving factor: the next victims are uncertain, unarmed and unrepresented in this case." (384 U.S. at 542-543).

Summary of the Main Points in NAPO's Brief

In its 5-to-4 decision in *Miranda v. Arizona*, 384 U.S. 436 (1966), the Supreme Court held that all statements obtained from a criminal defendant in custody, without law enforcement officers first having advised that defendant of certain rights, are presumed to be the result of coercion in violation of the Fifth Amendment and cannot be admitted in the prosecution of that defendant. Just two years later, Congress accepted the *Miranda* Court's explicit invitation to develop its own safeguards for the rights at issue, and it therefore enacted 18 U.S.C., Section 3501. This provision provides that the "presence or absence" of the *Miranda* warnings and the defendant's knowledge of the nature of the offense for which he was charged or suspected at the time of his confession,

while taken into consideration by the judge, "need not be conclusive on the issue of voluntariness of the confession." 18 U.S.C., Section 3501(b). Congress did not reject the *Miranda* formula, but concluded that the reciting of that formula should be one of several factors in an inquiry that focused on the key constitutional issue—whether a statement from a defendant was voluntarily given.

Miranda is flawed in critical respects. *Miranda* wrongly juxtaposes the interests of law enforcement with the rights of defendants and ultimately is at war with the following fundamental proposition: Unless immature or otherwise incompetent, all human beings have the unique capacity to know right from wrong and can be held accountable when they are proven guilty of a criminal act. Justice requires that the guilty be identified, tried, and punished, and that the innocent go free.

The purpose of police questioning of a suspect or witness is to determine the truth and identify and find the perpetrator, while still abiding by the requirements of the Constitution. No one seriously disputes that interrogations are an invaluable component in the law enforcement arsenal. Even when the most qualified police investigators investigate a crime, it often takes an admission or confession from the guilty individual, or information obtained from other suspects, to solve many cases. On the other hand, a coerced confession is a double-barreled vice: It produces "evidence" that is inherently unreliable, at odds with the mission of finding the truth, and it is an affront to the dignity of an individual as a moral agent.

Under the rigid application of the *Miranda* formula, both the absence of any coercion by the police during a custodial interrogation and the complete voluntariness of a suspect's incriminating statement are of no significance whatsoever. The *Miranda* formula becomes the typical "technicality," a vehicle inviting frequent and unnecessary efforts to exclude reliable and uncoerced statements. As a result, the process of criminal justice is reduced to a game, where the incantation of magic words offers no advantage to the innocent, but serves instead to give the guilty a "sporting chance" of the non-prosecution or acquittal.

Effective law enforcement is not aided by an inflexible reliance on the *Miranda* formula, for the variety of circumstances governed by our criminal laws is simply not susceptible to the mechanical application of a "bright-line" rule in the area. Even the supposed *Miranda* "bright line" is only triggered when a suspect is in "custody," which, among other issues, remains a fertile subject for the energies of the adversaries in a criminal proceeding. (There are hundreds of cases on the meaning of "custody.") Instead, judgments, first by professional law enforcement officers schooled in constitutional principles they are sworn to uphold and then ultimately by the courts, will always be necessary when the focus properly is on the voluntariness of a statement, not on whether the *Miranda* warnings were given.

While the *Miranda* formula may still be used under the framework set out by Congress in Section 3501, that provision

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Comments from Kosovo

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knew the damage this practice was doing to the commands in their districts.

People will respond to reason, even officers who are guilty of misconduct, but when there exists a perception of inequity there is no solace found in the process. The Chief's motto of "Persistence overcomes Resistance," hangs in his office and he believes it. That motto may be appropriate if he was on the right track, but he is not. The Chief is an intelligent man but he is not a smart one. He does not have the support of the Department and really never has. He has no popular mandate. His sole base of power is his authority and that is the weakest base from which to work. There is a new worker in his midst and this Chief has not adjusted to it. People today demand to be involved in the processes that affect them. They expect to be listened to and heard. Chief Gates' downfall was the same. These leaders came from the same stock and they were past their time. I am surprised that there has not been a vote of no confidence taken against the Chief.

What is needed today is new leadership at the top, leadership which understands the dynamic of a work force that is taken seriously, trusted and involved in their own destiny. There are men and women within the Department today who are capable of the task. They are the ones who know the value of collaboration and human development. I am proud to have worked with them, and to have worked with them side by side in laying the foundation for new leadership practices within the Department. They are there serving capably, proudly and waiting to be called forth through chance or circumstance to exercise the type of leadership required for the new millennium.

Today the Los Angeles Police Department faces a new challenge which tests its integrity as a viable police organization and the integrity of each individual who wears the uniform. The Department will weather this challenge and be better for it because its members are willing to look hard at themselves and take the corrective action necessary. What may be missed is identifying the type of action necessary. The step of identifying what needs to be done can best be completed only by outside professionals. Unfortunately those at the top decision making levels in the Department are unaware of what is necessary. They are blinded by their old organizational paradigms. What the Department may not effectively weather is the tremendous damage done to individuals in the process.

The Department considers itself a family and that is a good thing.

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broadens the judicial inquiry to consider all of the circumstances surrounding an incriminating statement. It ensures that involuntary statements are excluded from the determination of a defendant's guilt, while voluntary statements will be admitted—even if an officer is mistaken about the suspect being in custody, gives imperfect *Miranda* warnings, gives them at the wrong time, or gives no warnings. The result achieved by an inquiry under Section 3501 is faithfully grounded on the principles of the Fifth Amendment's privilege against compelled self-incrimination and better serves the cause of justice. Therefore, this statute is based on a recognition that a confession may be voluntary even if the *Miranda* warn-

ings are not given and that the rigid application of *Miranda*, far from benefiting law enforcement, creates an unnecessary cost to the truth-finding function of a criminal trial, without protecting the important constitutional guarantee at issue.

The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) is a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States that serves in Washington, D.C. to advance the interests of America's law enforcement officers through legislative and legal advocacy, political action and education. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents 4,000 police organizations and 220,000 sworn law enforcement officers.

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Poet's Corner

Your Face

by Sgt. Urrutia, CTD

Your face is like a poem,
A poem that speaks to the whole world.

Your eyes like the deep blue sea,
They tell of your love
And the beauty of your soul.

Your rosy cheeks,
Soft and fresh like an April shower
Speak of your exuberance and youth.

Red lips as the rose is red,
Soft and pliable like
the petals of the flower,
Full and strawberry flavored
That with merely only a kiss
Hold and interest me taking
away my pain.

Pain I had before I knew you
For being alone and
unloved by anyone,
'til your arrival and the kiss you gave
Restored my soul and
the passion hiding
in the Caverns of my heart.

Chasing Monsters

by Officer Joseph Morrison
Rampart Division

Chasing monsters is what I do.
I hide behind a uniform of blue.
My foes I fought in the light.
I never deviated from what was right.

In the heat of battle, the line faded fast.
In dusk I stood, my will did not last.
The monsters I chased were chasing me.
Using a net of greed, I let them catch me.

Now bars of steel, contain me in.
Blue no longer surrounds my skin.
My betrayal exposed, 12 years my plight.
To lighten my burden, with cowardice I strike.
I accuse the ones in the light.

Chasing monsters is what I did.
Was it greed, or weakness that closed the lid.
Never to hold my head up high.
To lighten my load,
I'll continue to lie.

A man has a choice, a road to choose.
To take responsibility, or a soul to lose.
To pick yourself up, after the fall.
To bare your sins, alone and tall.

A Shining Star

by Officer Rivera, Southeast Division

In Dedication to Officer
Daryl Black, Long Beach
Police Department

Like the star that shines so bright, I look
to you for safety at night. To keep me
safe and to keep me warm, keep myself
out of the storm. Every day and every
night I look to you and pray that night.
Hope and wonder if and when, if I'll ever
see them again. But I know and I so, that
you are with me when I go. So when the
day should some how come, and my life

has just passed on, don't you worry and
don't you fret, I have never had regrets. A
family, who loves me and tells me so, I
will never ever let you go. For in the life
that has come to pass, my loving spirit
will always last. For I wonder and I
prayed, but now it's my time to go away.
To serve a calling big and great, don't
you worry or be afraid. For the lord is
with me, can't you see? I'm in a great
place and very happy. Like the Officers
who have come before me, I will shine all
so brightly. So when you look in the sky,
and see the star shine all so bright, wish
today and wish you might that the world
will have peace at night.

Thursday Morning After Flight #261

by Father Michael McCullough

Yesterday we gathered again, we chaplains
Navy, Fire, Police, Federal
as we have done in ones and twos
fives and tens since then.
There were four of us yesterday.
We contemplated—through our tears—
the mangled aircraft pieces
remembered all in our
(only) wounded hearts
Hearts not broken and crushed like
passenger's families.
We love you to pray for you—
dead and living
we pray for your peace
we trust in God's comfort.

Sunrise was magnificent
in my rear view mirror;
Sea was calm and deep blue
the Channel Islands
absorbed the bright sunlight
so they were only their deep,
rich brown-from afar-color
and the cliffs were visible.
Point Magu rock was ahead and I thought
to photo it . . .
but then thought better
it was too precious to remember that
way.

The beauty and serenity of the sea
after that unimaginable crash
were so memorable,
no photo could
ever better capture
The image,
bright color-hue pressed
into the fibre of my soul that morning.

Mourning
Here I sit
on the overcast beach somewhere along
that shore
thoughtfully recording the Channel
Island images;
It's February 29, Year 2000.
I look back on a month of surprises,
tears and friendships.

Embrace . . .
Memories
Portraits
Each other
God as you know God.
The Author of Life and Goodness
will not fail to embrace
your beloved ones
and you.

No sea will ever be
the same again for me
The loved ones it claimed
are forever named
In each
gentle, endless, rolling, wave.

IMPROVING PROFESSIONALISM: THROUGH TRAINING AND EDUCATION

LAPD Detectives Graduate From ICI

Fourteen LAPD detectives graduated on April 20, 2000, from the challenging course of study at the Institute of Criminal Investigation. The graduates are Jack Blanchard, Cynthia Dragun, Alan Hamilton, Honour Henry, Hamid Hooshmand, Reginald Jackson, Luis Guillermo Martinez, Brian McCartin, Tammy Schweitzer, George Shamlyan, Rodney Skeeter, Kara Tyson, Christopher Figueiroa, and Roger Gripe.

The Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigation (ICI) is a specialized course of instruction for detectives. Investigators must successfully complete a core curriculum where they study general investigative skills which is followed by elective courses in the specialization of their choice. Specializations include Arson/Explosives, Burglary, Child Abuse, Computer Crimes, Domestic Violence, Fraud/Forgery, Homicide, Narcotics, Robbery, Sexual Assault, Vehicle Theft and Vice.

ICI was created and is funded by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). Chair of the Commission is Officer Ted Hunt, of the Los Angeles Police Department and President of the Police Protective League. Hunt, who has been a POST Commissioner since 1996, has long supported ICI. "Making sure that patrol officers and detectives

across California have the opportunity to receive the highest quality of training possible is my highest priority at POST," Hunt said. "And ICI is something that every detective should consider attending."

Hunt, who spearheads the League's educational and training programs has proposed that POST create an "institute" similar to ICI and the Supervisory Leadership Institute which focuses on leadership and incident management for patrol officers. Called the Advanced Officer Leadership School, the course of study would incorporate training in critical skills such as the use of force, emergency vehicle operations and communications skills.

"I am tired of seeing LAPD officers miss out on many of the benefits of POST funded courses," he noted. Hunt reaffirmed his commitment to continue to work with LAPD and city management to ensure that "LAPD officers are not left out of the loop." As Chair of the POST Commission, he plans to redirect POST resources to the officers who are active in police work while de-emphasizing management career path training.

"I intend to ensure that budget changes are made so that more POST dollars are spent on the most critical areas," Hunt concluded, "such as ICI, Supervisory Leadership Institute and the newly proposed Advanced Officer Leadership School." *

Career Development News

The Career Development Section (CDS), in conjunction with the Employee Association Task Force, is sponsoring written preparation seminars for all Detective candidates beginning Wednesday evenings at Parker Center Auditorium from 1800 to 2030 hours. The dates of the seminars are scheduled for: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28, and July 5, 12, 19, 26, and August 2, 2000. The seminars will also be videotaped and available for checkout at the CDS centers.

Employees who wish to develop their computer skills should contact the Career Development counselors. Software training programs are available to all City employees in both

video and CD-ROM format as a library type checkout item from the Information Technology Agency (ITA). Supervisors are requested to ensure that all employees are aware of this employment benefit. Training may be completed at home or work.

The Career Development Section staff may be reached at (213) 207-3000 (Lake Street in the downtown area) or (310) 342-3172 (ARTC in the airport area). The Career Development Center operates a hotline that operates 24 hours daily and lists the latest career related information. To reach the hotline, call (213) 207-3000. *

Book Review: June, 2000

The source of this book review is Sage Publishing. The review is presented for educational purposes only in an attempt to help officers who are pursuing academic goals.

How To Recognize Good Policing: Problems and Issues, edited by Jean-Paul Brodeur, Director, International Center for Comparative Criminology, Universite de Montreal, Montreal, Canada.

How to Recognize Good Policing focuses on the obstacles, problems, and concerns impacting police reform, and

it offers direction for formulating an easy-to-understand evaluation method. This tightly edited volume pulls together research findings with practical experience, offering a comprehensive study of policing. It is a general overview of community- and problem-oriented policing, addresses issues in the assessment of police, and examines organizational change and its assessment.

The book is available through Sage Publishing, 805-499-9774, telephone; 805-375-1700, Fax. *

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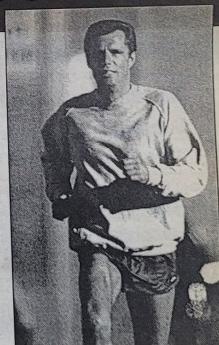
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For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.



American Legion News

Commander Martin Chalupa, 381

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,
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April Meeting

Our last meeting was held on April 18, 2000. The nomination of officers for the year 2000/2001 was held. The final election results will be posted next month.

Welcome Recruit Class #4, 2000

On 4/10/00, J. J. Leonard and Marty Chalupa welcomed the new police recruit class. There were eleven with military service. They all joined Police Post #381. Congratulations and welcome to the new members: Alfredo Alexander (USAR), Francis Brien (USMC), Bernard Davis (USAR),

Robert Harris (USA), Alexander Howetz (USMC), Humberto Irigoyen (USMC), Marcus Mendoza (USMC), Jerome Michalcak (USA), Elmer Peraza (USMC), Ruben Quintanar (USN), Joseph Yamzon (USN).

Vietnam Anniversary

In the newspapers this week there were many articles about the 25th anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam War. It made me realize that in 1975 some readers weren't even born yet and many were infants or children.

Some Vietnam facts: Vietnam was an undeclared war. According to the government it was a "police action." It started with a handful of advisors, followed by the Marines, and lasted an army of a half million. The Vietnam War lasted from 1959 to 1975 and was America's first defeat. Nearly 58,000 soldiers died and numerous were wounded. After World War II American soldiers were welcomed home and received ovations from a thankful nation. The Vietnam veterans returned to lackluster welcome. They also received insults, disdain, and were resented by much of the public and media. And *lest we forget*, there are still over 1,500 MIAs unaccounted for.

Many thoughts have been written about the war, most are painful. There are two Web sites that you will find interesting. "Vietnam Death Trip," www.woodlot.com/vietnam/start.html.

This site was set up by a veteran and includes personal pictures and a journal, written as a dedication to the friends that he lost in the war. "Why I Went to the War," www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/vietnam/reflect/farish.html. This site was set up by Terry Farish and is her story of the war from a woman's perspective.

State Convention - 2000

This year the American Legion State Convention will be from June 21 through June 23. It will be held at the "Radisson Hotel & Conference Center," 2233 Ventura Street, Fresno, California 93721, 800-333-3333. For information or hotel reservations, please phone Adjutant Frank Ortiz, (626) 331-4271.

Report by Charlie Meter, 17th District Commander

In 1998 your Los Angeles Police Post sent four boys to Boys State. The boys have to be in the 11th grade, be outstanding students and good citizens. One of the boys that I interviewed and selected was Jason Geggie. Jason is the son of Paul and Olivia Geggie. Paul is a lieutenant on the LAPD assigned to Central Division. I was very impressed by Jason's demeanor during the interview. I became aware that he was a very active member of the Boy Scouts of America. Jason attended the one-week program in Sacramento during which time he learned how our state government functions. Upon his return he related to me how much he enjoyed the program and how it enhanced his education. During the last of March, 2000, I received a phone call from Mrs. Geggie informing me that Jason was going to become an Eagle Scout. I was honored to be invited by Jason's family to the ceremony that was held at the San Gabriel Mission and hosted by Troop 261. It was an impressive ceremony and one that I will never forget. I have never seen two prouder parents. Jason's brother, Chris, was deeply involved in the ceremony and also on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout. How many boys go to Boys State and become an Eagle Scout on top of it? Congratulations again to Jason and his parents. Keep up the good work, Chris. Your day is coming.

For information on the Boys State program, please contact Charlie Meter at 661-255-0175.

Benefits

There are several companies that offer special services or discounted prices to members of the American Legion. With the upcoming summer vacations in mind, I have listed the companies in the "hotel/motel" industry. "Days Inn," 800-268-2195; "Howard Johnson," 800-769-0939; "Ramada Inn," 800-462-8035; and "Choice Hotels International," 800-4-CHOICE. For the mentioned companies use your American Legion Membership Card I.D.#. For the follow-

ing companies, reference corporate discount #00020204. "Travelodge," 800-545-5545; "Wingate Inn," 877-202-8814; and "Knights Inn," 800-682-1071. For more information of benefits, visit www.legion.org.

Special Days

June 6 - D-Day (Allied Forces Invasion of Normandy, 1944); June 14 - Flag Day; June 18 - Father's Day; July 4 - Independence Day.

Folk Wisdom

Every quarrel is a private one. Outsiders are never welcome.

Don't get mad at somebody who knows more'n you do. It ain't their fault.

Never ask a barber if he thinks you need a haircut.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket.

Never kick a fresh turd on a hot day.

There's two approaches to arguin' with a woman. Neither one works.

Medical Terminology

Did you ever wonder what doctors and nurses were talking about? This list of definitions should help you.

Artery - the study of paintings;
Bacteria - back door to the cafeteria;
CAT Scan - searching for kitty;
Cesarean Section - a neighborhood in Rome; **Colic** - a sheep dog; **Enema** - no friend; **Fester** - quicker than someone else; **Fibula** - a small white lie; **G.I. Series** - world series of military baseball; **Impotent** - distinguished, well-known; **Labor pain** - getting hurt at work; **Morbid** - a higher offer than I bid; **Nitrates** - cheaper than day rates; **Node** - I knew it; **Pelvis** - Second cousin to Elvis; **Post Operative** - a letter carrier; **Recovery Room** - a place to do upholstery; **Seizure** - Roman emperor; **Terminal Illness** - getting sick at the airport; **Urine** - opposite of you're out; **Varicose** - near by.

The Next Meeting of Police Post #381

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is **June 20, 2000**. This will be our annual "steak fry." There is no charge for this event. There will be a raffle with a lot of prizes including a "Magnavox Surround Sound Stereo System." Hospitality hour (beer and wine) at 6:00 p.m., and dinner at 7:00. Location - the Police Academy, 1880 North Academy Road, Los Angeles. For information on the meeting, please call Adjutant Frank Ortiz, (626) 331-4271.

Notifications

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Marty Chalupa, (818) 591-1024.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Cathy Hardy
Metropolitan Division

Greetings from 114! Thanks to everyone who sent cards, flowers, donations and all offerings in Louie's behalf. The tremendous show of support was outstanding and very much appreciated.

Lots of good news to bring to you as we saddle up for summer so let's get to it!

First of all, in case you missed the big ad, be sure to mark your calendars for the Metro millennium re-union, Friday, June 9, 2000, at the old Academia picnic area, 1700 hours. Your \$20 donation to the Metro station fund will provide you with a great steak with all the trimmings, liquid refreshment and a momento. For further information, contact P. W. Anderson at 213-485-4091.

Celebrate the Gift of Life

Happy, happy 1st birthday to McKenzie Glenn Fairbanks! May 22, 1999, McKenzie arrived quite early weighing in at a shy 1.6 pounds. McKenzie now weighs 13-1/2 pounds and is 24 inches long. The precious lit-



Mckenzie Glenn Fairbanks.

tle angel has a smile and a pair of big beautiful blue eyes that will melt your heart. I guarantee it! 20girl (Monica) and Kemp would like to thank everyone who donated blood to benefit McKenzie. Your thoughts, prayers and well wishes were much appreciated.

Congratulations to the Zippermans. Steve (K9-10) and wife Carrie (FCD) are celebrating in the pink with the birth of their second daughter Emily Marie, born April 20th, weighing in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces, 20 inches long. Emily joins big baby sister Kara Elizabeth, brother Chad and big sisters Brittney and Shannon.

Congratulations!!

Much congratulations to the Deurmeier family. Retired Metro Man Jimmy and wife Liz are the proud parents of a Westpoint Cadet candidate! Son Matt received his official certificate of acceptance on April 15th. The younger Deurmeier was nominated by Congressman David Dreier in December, 1999. Matt attends Bishop Amat High School, where he has maintained a 4.1 GPA with honors and Advance Placement courses since his freshman year. In his spare time Matt

managed to play four years of football and two years of Varsity volleyball for which he has received the Scholar Athlete Award. He is a member of the National Honor Society, California Scholastic Federation, and Who's Who of American High School Students. He is also the Athletic Commissioner on



Son, Matt, and Jimmy Deurmeier with West Point acceptance certificate.

Student Council and the President of the Varsity Club. AND, Matt was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout for Boy Scout Troop 167, of St. Luke's Catholic Church, in November, 1999. Of the 12,000 to 14,000 nominees selected nationwide, 1,100 were selected for his class. Matt's high school graduation date is June 2 and his life's journey will begin on June 29. No doubt we will hear much more from this outstanding young man as he continues to blaze quite a trail. Matt, best wishes for success and happiness in all your future endeavors.

Star Appointments

Latest star additions include Rafael "Hetch" Hecharvarria (B), and three selections for G Platoon. Greg Hoskins (the real, famous Jett Jackson), Big Ben Lopez, the pride of Pico Rivera's El Rancho High School, and Burt "P.A.B." Strogatz (Hey, Burt, I'm just the messenger!) and the one and only Oz-Man, Ossie Crenshaw, 24 David. As the plus ones are the first line in the squads to set examples for the troops, the famous "Jett Jackson" has already set precedence with the official "plus one" athletic shoe. The Converse Hi Top is appropriately adorned with the star and chevron. The official sharp C version is all leather in super white, not to be confused with the PFQ version or the dirty C alternative. Luckily for the Oz-Man he was heavily involved in the RD Training this DP considering his tailor required extra time to adjust his sleeve alignments for the addition of the star. Speaking of stars, have you gotten your autographed copy of the May issue of Men's Fitness? If you don't know what I'm talking about, you better ask somebody! Just don't ask Rambro, the Rock, the Veteran, Lt. Ryan or Luther!

Kennel Club News

Congrats to K9-16, Dave Stambaugh and his partner s, a Belgian Malinois. The team are fully certified and ready to respond to any K9 search requests. Dave, now I know it's imperative I stay out of your way on the SFY but could you at least wave when you go by?

Well, as usual, I have more news than space allots me, so that's it for now. See ya at the academy on June 9th and don't forget your photos for the Metro Chronicle.

R-10girl, clear.

Whatz Up With Wilshire

by Stephen Nichols
Wilshire Division

Bienvenidos, todos! And to everyone else, welcome back for another look at the inner goings on here at Wilshire.

First things first, however. A few articles ago I boldly (yet humbly, of course) predicted that Wilshire Division would be the team to beat in Baker to Vegas. And I stated confidently (yet humbly, of course) that I could be quoted as saying so. Well, folks, when I tell you it's Christmas, hang your stockings. As we all know by now, Wilshire placed first out of all 18 divisions! Yep, the Wilshire "Regulators" proudly (yet humbly, of course) showed everyone else we are the best. The team consisted of the following members: Captain M. Lopez, Officers L. Rodarte, M. Lopez, A. Loo, N. Abbinanti, V. Escobedo, S. Diaz, J. Gutierrez, F. Ackerley, C. Mayberry, W. Batres, R. Smith, A. Ramos, J. Cortez-Amaya, A. Jacinto, S. Seamans, W. Porche, E. Shear, E. Arrendondo, K. Jerry, F. Alexander, J. Martinez, and V. Acevedo. Each runner gave 100%. One in particular, however, showed that "a champion is someone who can get up even when he can't." Officer Jerry was within a few feet of the hand-off point when he fell down from sheer exhaustion. Somehow Jerry managed to find the strength to finish before he finally collapsed. He was subsequently transported to a local hospital where he was treated for severe dehydration. In recognition of Officer Jerry's efforts, as well as the other Wilshire runners and support personnel, congratulations on a job well done!

Switching gears, Wilshire officers have made some noteworthy arrests which have cleared up numerous D.R.'s as a result. In the first scenario, business robberies in the northwest area of the division were being committed by a gun-wielding thug who wasn't at all shy about striking his victims to make his point. As time passed, the robberies increased as did the level of violence against defenseless people. After our crack-smoking lad was finally I.D.'d, the race was on to catch him. And when he realized his face was the topic of study in roll call, he became desperate. His actions became even more dangerous when he purposely A.D.W'd Bike Officers S. Roditis and J. Breslin as they attempted to conduct a traffic stop on his vehicle. Long story short, the lad's luck ran out and he was eventually arrested without incident. Hopefully, "Robbin' Hood" will be a guest of the state for a long time.

In another example of how it pays to know the enemy, Officers T. Im and F. De La Cerdia responded to a radio call of a burglary with a "possible suspect there now." Upon arrival, the officers and responding units deployed and located a suspect in the back yard of the residence. Obviously not a pro, the burglar left his gloves and a screwdriver where he entered the house. And he quickly—and truthfully—told the officers his name. After transporting him to Wilshire, Im and De La Cerdia remembered hearing of a suspect matching the

description who was wanted for a number of street robberies. Sure enough, his arrest cleared up 10 D.R.'s. In all, between these two capers, almost 25 D.R.'s were cleared by the arrest.

Moving along, the stork has landed three more times at Wilshire. Officer M. Manjra and his wife welcomed their daughter, Huma Mariam Manjra, into the world on March 22, 2000. She weighed in at 8.2 pounds and was 19 inches long. (If she takes after her dad, she'll have a gun in one hand and a mop in the other.)

Officer F. Chavez and his wife are the proud parents of a little girl: Elena Isabel Chavez, born May 2, 2000. She weighed in at a whopping 9 pounds, 15 ounces! (I guess taking Miracle-Gro during pregnancy does work.)

And Det. II G. Parshall and Mrs. Parshall are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Kobe, who was born on April 18, 2000. He weighed a mere 7 pounds, 13 ounces (but he will play basketball).

Speaking of Det. Parshall, he and Detectives (II) V. Young and C. Holroyd share the honor of being named "Detective Employees of the Quarter." Also, P.O. III J. Rodriguez was named the patrol "Employee of the Year." Congratulations, all!

Wilshire Detective personnel and friends bade Captain T. Hara a fond farewell in April, 2000. During his time here at Wilshire he was known for his ready smile, his calm demeanor, and his approachability. Our loss is DSD's gain, and we wish you the best, Captain.

Wilshire welcomes incoming Captain S. "Rick" Jacobs to the Division. By way of introduction, he joined the Department in 1979 and was assigned as commanding officer of Wilshire Operations-Support Division in April, 2000. Captain Jacobs has held a variety of positions within the Department, ranging from Patrol to Administration. Among other things he is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He has been married for 23 years, has two daughters (teenagers!) and lives in Torrance.

Wilshire also welcomes Lt. M. Moran to the Division. She has a very strong background in Patrol, having worked as a training officer in Patrol and in the Gang Unit. Her long-time ambition was to be a police officer, but it was a predominantly (exclusive?) male career. Plus, there was a height requirement she was unable to meet. But in time the Department realized it was losing out on some outstanding applicants who were non-male and not over 5 feet tall. Ms. Moran applied and the rest is history. The Lieutenant's family consists of two "daughters" (the four-legged kind) and she lives on L.A.'s west side.

And last but not least: D-III R. Elliott (Juv Table) quietly marked his 30-year anniversary with the Department on February 24, 2000. Congratulations, Sir!

On a final, personal note: Sunday, June 18th, is Father's Day. Sometimes in the "busy"ness of day-to-day life, it is easy to take our fathers for granted, especially if they are always there. But, with the passing of my dad on Easter Sunday (this year), I realize in hindsight how important he was to me and how much I will miss him. To those whose fathers—biological or otherwise—are still living, take some time to let them know how much they mean to you and how much you appreciate them, not just on Father's Day, but as often as possible. This way there are no regrets in the end. See everyone next month!

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by Karen Widman
DARE Division

Annual California DARE Officers Association Conference

We want to thank the city of Long Beach for being such wonderful hosts for the annual CDOA conference. The 389 DARE officers in attendance not only enjoyed the expertly presented workshops, they also enjoyed Long Beach's fabulous restaurants and wonderful weather. Sincere appreciation



DARE Officer Ruben Holguin and son, Rct. Officer Shaun Holguin, 4/2000 class.

been conducting these inspections he has seen a few divisions that would equal but none that could surpass DARE's attention to detail. DARE Division's commitment to the Department and sharp uniform appearance have been recognized and were recently acknowledged with the announcement of DARE's high profile assignment inside the Staples Center during the Democratic National Convention. DARE officers will soon be looking good to a live, national television audience.

Congratulations

Officer Brenda Williams has recently been promoted to the rank of detective. She will be leaving us for the tables of 77th Division. Best of luck to



Promotional party for Officer Brenda Williams to Det-I at 77th.

you, Brenda, and make sure you come back and visit us. Officer Robin Grasso has also recently been promoted to the rank of Mommy III. She and her husband, Joe Grasso, welcomed home their third daughter Alexa Rose on May 7th. Mommy, baby, daddy and big sisters, Tessa and Meghan, are doing fine.

Welcome Wagon

Warmest welcome to our newest members to the DARE family. Officer Ray Rodriguez joins us from West Valley Division and Officer Frank Hernandez comes to DARE by way of Southwest Division. If you are interested in making a true difference in the

DARE's Divisional Inspection

DARE Division held its annual divisional inspection on the roof of the



DARE Divisional Inspection: Officers Alice Hajewski, Tony Jackson and Chris O'Donnell.

South Traffic/DARE building on Wednesday, April 19th. DARE officers were inspected by Deputy Chief Martin Pomeroy, Commander Eric Lillo and Capt. Earl Paynsinger. After the inspection, Chief Pomeroy told the DARE officers that in the years he has

lives of the kids of this city, DARE Division still has positions available. Contact the Watch Commander at (213) 485-4856 for more information.

Stay safe and keep DARE(ing) to make a difference.

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by Det. Tom Wicks
Robbery Homicide Division

Commendable Incident

The following comes from the files of Robbery Specials. Beginning in December of last year a male suspect, armed with a semi-automatic rifle, began a series of armed robberies targeting mini markets in the Valley area. The suspect wore a watch cap over his face making it all but impossible for officers to obtain a good description. During one of his robberies a possible getaway vehicle was observed. This information was given to all valley area patrol units.

Armed with this information, Van Nuys area patrol officers G. Ruiz, #30536, and E. Moreno, #34803, observed a male matching the general description of the suspect enter a vehicle matching the description of the getaway vehicle. As the officers approached the vehicle they observed the individual toss a marijuana cigarette on the ground. (Should have listened when his mom told him littering would get him in trouble.) The suspect was taken into custody. During a search of his vehicle the officers recovered clothing matching those described during the robberies as well as a watch cap and a toy long barrel rifle resembling the one used during the robberies. As a result of this arrest and the thorough follow-up investigation conducted by Van Nuys Detectives R. Moore, #24478, and J. Allen, #27359, 11 armed robberies were connected to this suspect. Great job.

I would like to acknowledge our friends at 114. During 1999 the Los Angeles and Ventura areas were being terrorized by an individual dubbed the "Mr. Sunglass" bandit. This heathen would be responsible for 120 plus armed robberies. RHD Robbery Detectives requested the assistance of Metropolitan Division to arrest this criminal. Officers E. Maytorena,

#13786, G. Koba, #27137, J. McConnell, #26321, and A. Buesa, #27371, responded to RHD and developed a tactical plan. The officers conducted a stakeout which resulted in the successful arrest of this bad guy. Based on the evidence recovered and the fact that he "copped out" to these robberies, he plead guilty to 31 counts of robbery. He is currently in his late forties and should not see freedom until the year 2036. These fine METRO officers are commended for their sound tactics, good judgment, and professionalism, which resulted in the arrest of an individual that had terrorized many innocent hard working people. It is officers such as these, including all the element members involved in the stake out, that again show the rest of the world what true professionals LAPD officers are.

Welcome to RHD

Well, we just keep on growing and growing. A warm welcome to our new additions to Rape Specials, D-I Martha Herrera (RAMP) and D-I Deana Stark (WVA). We would also like to welcome Clerk Typist Cindy Romeo (R&I) who will be working in the hub of RHD, the Admin. Unit.

Moving On Up

Congratulations to our new D-IIs David Cedeno and Paul Wright who are assigned to Rape Specials. Hope you enjoy that pay raise. Now, when are you buying?

RHD Family Business

I would like to congratulate my Lieutenant, Jimmy Grayson, on celebrating his 32nd year with LAPD. I would also like to congratulate Kelly Moberly, the daughter of Homicide Specials Detective Moberly, as a recent recipient of the L.A. Police Protective League scholarship award. What a great achievement! (The brains have to come from the mom's side!).

Well, that about covers it. I hope that those of you that will be attending the steak fry on June 10th have a great day. I think that I'm going to have to keep having a quote of the month in this article. From our ever-popular Lt. Clay Farrell, this month's quote is "We're not totally stupid." Nice job. The TV audience watching the 11:00 news applauds you for that one. Until next time, BE SAFE.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Cheri Roberts
Pacific Division

Golden Anniversary

I imagine many of you know who Marlene Greenfield (Principal Clerk III) is by now, and that she has been working for the city for many years. Well on May 1, 2000, there was a luncheon held honoring her for 50 years of dedicated service to the city of Los Angeles. There were many very distinguished guests who attended,



photo by Cheri Roberts

Director Dennis P. Zine congratulates Pacific area Principal Clerk 3 Marlene Greenfield for her 50 years of service to the Dept. Marlene is not retiring!

including: Chief Parks, Deputy Chief Dinsse, Deputy Chief Moore, Commander Kelepecz, Police Protective League Director Dennis Zine, and the Director of Community Affairs from the City Council Office, Mike Bonin. In addition, much of Pacific Area personnel (civilian and sworn) were in attendance, as well as many people who have worked with (and for) Marlene in the many years

she has served this city, and Department. Marlene was especially pleased by the presence of several representatives from ARMA (All Records Managers Asso.). There were over 100 guests in all. First we mingled, then we ate, then the awards were presented. She received several certificates. One was from the City Council Office, which actually alleged "Retirement." Mike Bonin explained that "this one was the first of two being presented because they couldn't actually believe that someone with this many years with the city isn't actually retiring." She also received several bouquets of flowers and a plaque from Pacific Area personnel titled "Captain." (We all know she has more pull than any captain on this department.) The event went off without a hitch, and Deanne Moody, Judith Gorum and Carla Hawkins should be commended for their hard work and initiative in pulling it off! Congratulations to Marlene for her dedication to service and ability to stay sane after all these years. Hats off!

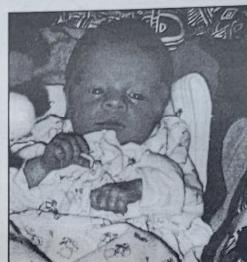
Cutting the Competition

This April, the Explorers competed in the annual Explorer Colorado River Competition. There were 96 agencies and 1,500 scouts who met in Needles, California, to see who exactly was "the best of the best." The events the scouts competed in included physical training, law enforcement and teamwork. The LAPD Explorers dominated the physical events, knocking out the CHP Explorers, who sponsored the affair. Pacific Area took home the most trophies taking 2nd place in Volleyball,

2nd place in Team Obstacle Course, 2nd place in Male Biathlon, 4th place in Female Biathlon, and 5th place in Female Obstacle Course. Congratulations goes out to not only the Pacific Explorers for their hard work and dedication, but also to Pacific's Youth Service Officers Ron Harrell & Michelle Eskridge for their commitment and enthusiasm in running the program.

New Arrivals

Congratulations goes out to the following people on the recent additions to their families: Officer Gillian



Andrew Nolan Jensen (grandson of Sgt. Gary Bean) born March 2, 2000.

Jensen and her husband David on the birth of their baby boy "Andrew Nolan Jensen" who arrived on March 2nd at 1146 hours, weighing in at 4 pounds, 4 ounce, and was 18 inches long.

Officer Ruben Arellano and his wife Elizabeth on the birth of their new baby boy "Ruben Arellano, Jr." who arrived on May 1st at 1215 hours, weighing in at 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

runner who overslept), they survived the challenge. The team has had a top 15 finish two years in a row, proving that Pacific Area/WTD means business. We look forward to the challenge next year and have a "top ten" thought in mind!

Unstoppable Centurions

On April 14, 2000, the Centurions out-dueled the South Bay Blue Knights in the Inaugural Baker to Vegas Bowl at Clark High School, 37 to 21. On April 29, 2000, the Houston Gunners (Houston Police Department) came to town talking smack and making a lot of noise. They in turn left town quiet as a mouse after a 42-28 loss at the hands of the Centurions. To rub it in a little, our basketball team defeated the Houston team in Hoops as well. The Centurions Football Team will be playing their championship game in Florida, on June 11, 2000. Get your tickets now for some fun in the sun!!

Movin' Up

Congratulations goes out to the following people who were recently promoted: Mike Porter was promoted to Sgt. and went to HARB, Alarcon was promoted to Det. and went to ND, Gabe Almeida was promoted to Det. and went to OCVD, Pete Stone was promoted to Det. and went to SE, Felix was promoted to P-3 at NEWT, Jude Washington was promoted to P-3 at TBC, and Le, Podesta, and Nelson were all promoted to P-3 here in Pacific Area.

Movin' In

We want to welcome the following people who have recently come to Pacific Area: Newly promoted Sgt. Whitten in from 77th, newly promoted Sgt. Chickering in from IAG, Sgt. Franklin in from NHWG, Det. Householder in from BAD, Det. J. Williams over from NEWT, Ofcr. Davidson in from HOBK, Ofcr. Bacon back from NEWT, Ofcr. O'Beirne in from RAMP, Ofcr. M. Johnson over from SE, Ofcr. Gutierrez in from WVAL, Ofcr. McCready in (to LAX) from WTD, and P-1s S. McTiernan, E. Padilla, K. Thomas, and C. Watkins.

Movin' Out

Best wishes goes out to the following people who have recently left Pacific: A wonderful lady and great detective D-2, Jae Thomas, two-stepped on over to DEV, Sgt. Connery went over the hill to WVAL, Sgt. Adauto (LAX) went downtown to DHD, Ofcr. Bulic went to 77th, Ofcr. Rivas went to HARB, Ofcr. Maxwell went to HWD, Ofcr. C. Lopez headed to PER, and CSA Hernandez went to HOBK.

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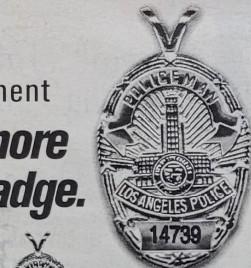
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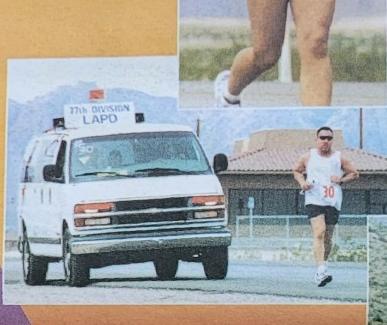
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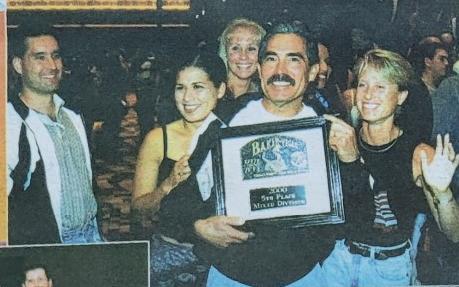
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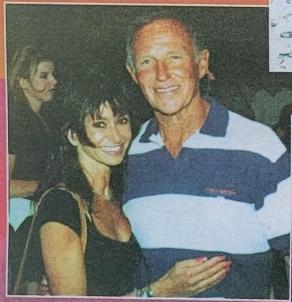
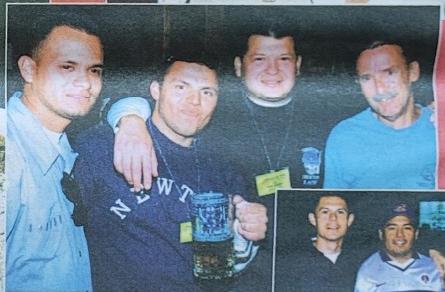


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CHP Outruns Metro Red Team to Win Baker to Vegas Relay Wilshire Division Takes First in Station Category

by Lew Snow
LAPRAAC Sports Beat Editor

Apparently the much dreamed-about LAPD five-peat was just not meant to be. The California Highway Patrol, last year's bridesmaid, bettered its time by 20 minutes to win the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. It was the first time in nearly a decade that a non-LAPD or LASD team took home the perpetual trophy (last accomplished in 1991 by the FBI - Los Angeles Office).

The 16th annual race, sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club, was held the weekend of

teams back in 1985. Since then it has grown steadily and today it is the world's largest law enforcement athletic event, involving almost 5,000 runners and over 10,000 support personnel.

This year's race featured a later starting time that allowed runners to take advantage of cooler temperatures in the late-day hours. CHP's time of 13:01:46 was almost nine minutes better than Metro's winning time last year and the best since Training/Air Support set the course record at 12:41:29 in 1996. Completing the top five in the Open Division were Bauchet Street Runners (LASD Central Jail), San Diego Police

FINAL RESULTS 2000 BAKER TO VEGAS CHALLENGE CUP RELAY

LAPD TEAMS IN BOLD CAPS

Legend for abbreviations after time:
P# Time includes specified number of penalty minutes.
UO Unofficial time.
DQ Disqualified.

OPEN CATEGORY

1. California Highway Patrol	13:01:46	1
2. METRO DIVISION RED TEAM	13:08:53	2
3. Bauchet St. Runners (LASD)	13:55:29	4
4. San Diego Police	13:56:25	5
5. Orange County Sheriffs	14:03:35	6
6. FBI - Los Angeles	14:13:24	8
7. U.S. Border Patrol #1	14:20:02	9
8. California State Parks	14:36:58	11
9. Anaheim Police	14:41:25	13
10. METRO DIVISION BLUE TEAM	14:45:44	16
11. Reno/Washoe Co. Law Enforcement	14:45:55	17
12. San Bernardino County Sheriffs	14:48:41	18
13. Santa Ana Police	15:10:56	28
14. Calif. Dept. Corrections Adult Parole	15:42:39	44
15. Los Angeles County Probation	15:43:04	45
16. FBI - Sacramento	15:50:02	50
17. TTFC/IRC/MCI (LASD)	16:08:16 (P5)	60
18. Orange County Probation	16:14:00	64
19. IRS/CID/US Treasury Dept.	16:25:44	71
20. Bakersfield Police	16:35:00	77
21. Century Reg. Detention (LASD)	16:40:26	83
22. Calif. Dept. Corrections - Chino	16:47:45	90
23. Los Angeles County Police	17:14:58	112
24. Carson Station (LASD)	17:22:36	116
25. Ventura County Peace Officers	17:30:16	119
26. Eastern Sierra Lawmen	17:31:45	120
27. NARCOTICS GROUP	17:37:01	123
28. Naval Criminal Investigations	17:57:59	133
29. San Diego Sheriffs	18:06:23	137
30. San Diego Police Narcotics	18:08:37	141
31. Transit Services Bureau (LASD)	18:26:32	152

MIXED (5+ female runners)

1. Stockton Area Police	14:03:51	7
2. Court Services Division (LASD)	14:52:07	19
3. AIR SUPPORT/TRAINING DIV.	14:54:12	21
4. FBI - San Francisco	15:04:28	24
5. SOUTHEAST AREA	15:28:52	38
6. HOLLYWOOD AREA	15:57:56	54

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April 15-16. Teams ran 20 legs along a tortuous route from Baker through the Mojave Desert to Shoshone, up the mountains into Pahrump, and then through the mountains to the finish line at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas. One hundred ninety-three teams (same as last year) answered the starter's pistol. The brainchild of retired officers Chuck Foote and Larry Moore, the first race was run by a mere handful of

and the Orange County Sheriffs. For the third consecutive year the Metro Blue Team finished in the Open Division's Top 10, coming in right at the number 10 slot. Narcotics Group finished 27th.

Wilshire Area saved the day for LAPD, shaving 10 minutes from last year's time to win the Station Division (for patrol stations), edging last year's winner, LASD Lakewood Station, by a

Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Winners Open Category 1985-2000

1985 LAPD CENTRAL AREA (old course)	14:16:57
1986 LASD Special Enforcement Bureau	13:26:58
1987 LAPD TRAINING/AIR SUPPORT	Halted due to snow
1988 LAPD HOLLENBECK AREA	13:00:02
1989 LAPD PARKER CENTER	13:12:02
1990 LASD Central Jail	13:03:31
1991 FBI Los Angeles	12:57:41
1992 LASD Central Jail	12:53:37
1993 LASD Central Jail	12:42:17
1994 LASD Central Jail	12:58:48
1995 LASD Central Jail	12:56:37
1996 LAPD TRAINING/AIR SUPPORT	12:41:29
1997 LAPD TRAINING/AIR SUPPORT	13:12:37
1998 LAPD METRO DIVISION (RED TEAM)	13:40:23
1999 LAPD METRO DIVISION (RED TEAM)	13:01:46
2000 California Highway Patrol	❖

razor-thin 84 seconds. By winning Wilshire, which came in third last year, broke a four-year Lakewood victory streak. Rampart and 77th Street also finished in the Stations Division Top 10.

Finishing third among all teams, and winning the 800 Division (combined age of all 20 runners totals over 800 years) for the eighth consecutive year was LASD Special Enforcement Bureau. Baca's Grandpas ran 17 minutes slower than last year (not including a 10 minute penalty) but came in a healthy 54 minutes ahead of second place Dallas Police. The LAPD Retired squad came in 11th in the 800 Division.

Stockton Police repeated as winner of the Mixed Division, way ahead of LASD Court Services Division (48 minutes) and Air Support/Training Division (50 minutes). Six of the top 10 and 14 of the top 20 teams in the division represented LAPD, including Southeast (fifth), Hollywood (sixth), Southwest (seventh), Devonshire (eighth), North Hollywood (10th), Newton Street (11th), Transit Group (12th), Pacific/West Traffic (13th), West LA (15th), Central/Central Traffic/OCB (16th), Van Nuys (17th), Harbor (19th) and Northeast (20th).

The only other grouping with LAPD teams was the Individual Division, in which teams are allowed to include full-time civilian employees. The FBI - Salt Lake City Office whacked over an hour from last year's time (running in the F300 Division) to beat Anti-Terrorists/Parker Center by nearly 10 minutes. (Although not the winner ATD/PAD jumped a place and improved significantly upon last year's time by almost 40 minutes).

In other groupings: the FBI Women's Team repeated as winner of the Women's Division as did Fremont Police in the 300 Division (300 or fewer sworn personnel). The U.S. Marshal's Office, seeking a third straight win in the Federal 300 Division, was stung by two 10 minute penalties for replacing downed runners and lost to the FBI - San Diego Office by one second! Beverly Hills Police shaved 72 minutes over last year's time to win the 150 Division and Redlands Police cut 34 minutes off 1999's pace to take the 99 Division. ❖

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

UNBEATABLE USD

by D. Ryan Swanson
Uniformed Support Division

USD personnel have been out and about recently. El Capitan Scott Kroebel and Lt.-II Larry Henness found themselves in Washington, D.C., during the week of April 14, 2000, to monitor activities during the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Conference. No doubt lessons learned there will be applied to the Department's preparations for the 2000 Democratic National Convention. Sgt.-II Ron Spicer joined the two in Maryland to participate in training given by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, also in preparation for the DNC.

Members of the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) unit also found themselves on the East Coast last month. They were there to participate in the 6th Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police DRE Training Conference. The week long conference, held in Newport, Rhode Island, was attended by Sgt.-I Mike Delgadillo and P.O.-II Kathy Hill, who manned a booth with information about next year's conference in Long Beach, CA.

In addition to law enforcement personnel, the conference was attended by prosecutors, defense attorneys, toxicologists and physicians who received information on a variety of related topics, including courtroom testimony, trial strategies, driving under the influence, toxicological advancements and the latest drug trends across the country. DRE's own Lisa Brenner is at home recovering from shoulder surgery and was unable to attend.

The Military Property Acquisition crew, staffed by Sgt.-I Ted Reyland and P.O.-II Felipe Yanez, traveled outside California in search of excess military property, a first for MPAT. Ted and Felipe's Excellent Adventure

included stops at Davis Monthan Air Force Base (AFB) in Arizona, Holloman AFB in New Mexico, Kirtland AFB in New Mexico, and Nellis AFB in Las Vegas, NV.

On their return trip three weeks later, Felipe and Ted were joined by Metro officers Tim Russell and Mary Davis, and flanked by heavy snow and plummeting temps. The crew had their driving skills tested as they took turns behind the wheel of a big rig truck pulling a 40-foot van filled with excess military property. (We were not privy to the van's contents so we assume it is still classified!)

April was a good month to celebrate and that is exactly what Lt.-2 Henness, Sgt.-II Paul Walters, and P.O.-III John Gidowski did. Each received their pins for 25 years of service with the Department. Our own Carol Mendoza treated herself to another day in the office upon hearing of her promotion to Management Analyst I. She will remain at TCS and continue her mission to cause problems for the office staff. I am still in Carol's debt for sending me to Arrest and Cripple School, where I incurred my first-ever broken bone.

Thanks in part to the hard work of TCS staffers including Sgt.-I-II John Gambill, the Los Angeles City Council has approved a pilot program for Photo Red Light. This program, which

involves the use of camera enforcement to identify red light violators, had been in the planning stages for years, but thanks to the concerted efforts of Gambill and others, this valuable program will finally see the (red) light. (And believe me, I am not making light of the subject!)

Captain Kroebel has put out feelers for a summertime picnic for USD personnel and their families. Surveys have been circulated and it appears that a good number of people are interested in attending. At last count, Orange County was leading as the picnic/beach spot of choice. Huntington Beach is the obvious choice. But if you guys are willing to drive a bit farther, there is an awesome spot next to the Ritz Carlton in Dana Point. It's a park/beach with a barbecue area and an awesome jogging trail that snakes through the small golfing green. It's kind of tucked away, so not a lot of people know about it.

Finally, just wanted to cast my proverbial vote for the nicest guy at TCS this month. P.O.-III Steve Cooper will not only give you the shirt off his back but recently lent out the belt that held up his trousers. Can't thank you enough, Steve. It's great to know I can borrow your clothing (and accessories) in emergencies. Don't go changing, really, don't!

TRAFFIC TALK

by Eugene "The Taxman" Bedolla
South Traffic Division

Greetings amigos. It has been a few months since we last conversed. We just finished my favorite time of the year—tax time. I hope your tax man was able to have you sign a tax return with a check forthcoming from Uncle Sam's pocket.

Headlines

Most divisions in the city have just finished the monumental task of competing in the most grueling annual foot

about Sandy Kim running so hard and with such determination that she was given a free trip back to Las Vegas in an airship. Or how about yours truly (official alternate, but all alternates know they won't run) being told I'm to run leg 9 (nearly seven miles) with only five minutes notice. (Picture Homer Simpson's eyes and you have a glimpse of how I must have looked upon being given the news.)

Knowing that everyone gave it 110%, I would like to pay tribute to each team member: Leg 1 - Terry "I will not let you pass me" Klafke, leg 2 - Leonard "I'm really not a runner" Miller, leg 3 - Mike "Hey, can I run another 8 mile leg?" Johnson, leg 4 - Orlando "I'm over the hill" Green, leg 5 - Sandy "Why is everyone bothering me" Kim, leg 6 - Madonna "Where is everyone" Cissell, leg 7 - Rudy "I need a Corona" Baca, leg 8 - Roy "I need to eat some chicken" Van Duyne, leg 9 - Eugene "Born to be alive" Bedolla, leg 10 -

Due to the sheer volume, we cannot recognize all who contributed. However, Sgt. Lanette Smith, Sgt. Carl Henderson, and Officer Mike "I could have run faster than most of the runners" Cummins, and of course the

made a total of 192 felony arrests within a five-month period ranging from murder, rape, robbery and terrorist threats. In addition, the six-officer team was responsible for confiscating numerous dangerous automatic



Det.-II Sgt. Pedroza and his crew.

MVP Officer Harold Hills gave above and beyond the call of duty. I must not forget the active support from our skipper, Capt. Kenny Garner who made this all possible.

Past Headlines

At South Traffic, we have a collision investigative follow-up unit (CIFU for short) which is rarely recognized. They are active behind the scenes solving the traffic-related crimes. The unit is led by Det.-III Bill Whittaker. One

weapons and drugs during the course of their duties. They completed this assignment without an officer involved shooting or generating a single complaint. We are privileged to have Det.-II Pedroza with us and extend our congratulations.

Final Thoughts

I would like to extend my best wishes to my partner/classmate/compadre Mike Morales as he has joined the crew at Central Traffic.



South Traffic Baker to Vegas 2000 Team.

individual in the unit is Det.-II/Sgt. Manny Pedroza. On March 17, Det.-II Pedroza was honored for work performed while he was 77th Division supervisor. Under his leadership, the Career Criminal Unit was recognized by the City Council for outstanding service to the community. The unit

As always, don't forget your fellow officers who are sick, ill or injured. Give them a call. Finally, Motors keep the rubber side down and CI keep the light bar off of the pavement.



South Traffic Roundballers.

race. Of course, I speak of Baker to Vegas, 2000. Once again, we at South Traffic are very proud that we were able to field a competitive running team. We have many individuals who sacrificed selflessly in order to achieve our goal. South Traffic's total time was approximately 30 minutes faster than we have ever run before. There were some memorable moments in this year's race.

How about Mike Johnson and the type of performance I hope we do not take for granted, running leg 3 (eight miles long, difficulty 1) and averaging approximately 6:42 per mile. Or how

Becky "This is a piece of cake" Strong, leg 11 - Mike "Is there a shortcut" Jackson, leg 12 - Eddie "I need my motorcycle" Martinez, leg 13 - Victor "Does my hair look good" Pacheco, leg 14 - Jeff "Jim Carrey" Owen, leg 15 - Robert "When's the next Laker game" Hillard, leg 16 - John "I love the pain" Dailey, leg 17 - Mike "My foot hurts" Morales, leg 18 - Bill "I was supposed to retire two years ago" Whittaker, leg 19 - Joe "Where's the next runner?" Covarrubias, and finally The Hollywood leg 20 - Greg "Why isn't Capt. Garner running this leg?" Montgomery. You did awesome!

CENTRAL CENTRICITY

by Officer Binnie M. Phan
Central Division

"Excuse me, would you like to talk about domestic violence conspiracy?," asked "Robyn" after she hung up the pay phone in the lobby of Central front desk. I looked at her, wondering to myself, What conspiracy??!

"That world is coming to an end. There are people out there who are plotting to kill each other, and to kill me. These street lights, the people harassing me, the men who walk past by and everybody else! It's the Conspiracy Theory that I'm basing this on. And that everything is a setup," she talked quickly.

"You might have a good theory. But what is your theory based on? How do I believe that this theory is true? Where are your resources? What concrete evidence do you have to show me? Which writer are you quoting from? I'm not convinced that this is a good theory. Give me something to back yourself up." I questioned her repeatedly.

All of a sudden she looked confused. Then she paused for a minute and said, "You're right."

"You need to go to a library and find some concrete footnoting. Your opinion is good, but I'm just not convinced right now!" I advised her.

We both shook hands and she hurriedly walked out of the front lobby. Ten minutes later, "Joanne" stormed in and com-

plained to me about her awful morning experience with her doctor and how her doctor didn't want to see her and give her pills. That she missed her appointment. Now she can't take her birth control pills and . . . and . . . and . . .

Later, "Frank" came up to the desk with a harsh, serious face. He yelled and started pounding with both of his hands on the front counter. He yelled at me. "Do you know that the lights really hurt. They are very bad for us. They harm us and make us very sick. What are you going to do about that, officer? Tell me,



(L-R) Central Front Desk: Sgt. Kohei Ishida, Ofcr. Neville Gordon, Ofcr. Michelle Lewis, Ofcr. Sonia Salgado and Ofcr. Garrett Cross. (Not pictured: Ofcr. Sarah Ostapovich, Ofcr. Julie Izuka and Ofcr. Terri Hernandez.)

what are you going to do about that? Huh, huh, huh??!"

I immediately jumped off the chair and stepped back to the wall with my right hand on my gun. Seeing this, "Frank" hollered even louder at me, "Go ahead and pull your pistol out. What are you waiting for?"

Then eight officers rushed to him and handcuffed him. A DRE officer was requested for further evaluation. Officer **Sonia Salgado** said that "Frank" usually comes in very calm and behaves non-violently. He's got a theory on anti-electricity and electrical street signs and ads that he believes in. So it turned out that "Frank" only needed a report taken.

Whether it's "Frank" or "Robyn" or "Joanne" or whoever, has always somehow paved and found his or her way to the front desk of Central Division. Who else is coming today? Like Officer **Julie Izuka** vividly described, "Every day is an adventure at the desk. You've got restroom problems: wet floors, running faucets, clogged toilets, etc. from the transients who used the bathroom as a shower facility. Then there are those who demand to be helped immediately by CTD, Central Detectives, and other smaller offices at Central. It gets quite busy at the desk. But make sure you always have good smelling room deodorant."

Not only does an officer need good room deodorant, he or she must also have lots of patience. When asked what type of officers are required to work at the front desk, Sgt. **Kohei Ishida** simply replied, "A person with lots of patience, must be knowledgeable, and have good people skills."

"And someone who does not take it too personally," added Officer **Terri Hernandez**.

The desk seems to attract people from all walks of life, from the transients of Skid Row to the far east businessmen and women of the banks in the business district. Businesses from the fashion district, jewelry district, flower district, garment district, and the hotels surrounding Wilshire Blvd. also report to Central Desk for assistance. Interesting visitors ranging from the homeless, the merchants, the bankers, the residents, the tourists have all played important

roles in the making of Central Front Desk. Then there are those who simply whisk in just to say "Hi."

The task of a desk officer is probably far greater and more difficult than a patrol officer. Not only is the officer confined to a limited area, he or she is required to stay there for an eight hour shift. On an average, six to eight reports are taken by a desk officer every day. Then there are the continuous telephone calls, the people who come in, the administrative paperwork, and extra curricular tasks that need to be fulfilled. Whether it is the Conspiracy Theory, the Anti-Electricity Theory, or the Good Smelling Deodorant Theory, there is one theory that Central Front Desk is not and that is BORING!

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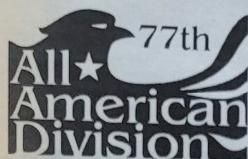
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street

Welcome Home Sir

77th Street would like to welcome back Capt. Tom Runyen. Capt. Runyen recently promoted and is in charge of our Operations Support Division. The captain did his first tour of duty as a Policeman and then as a Sergeant II. Capt. Runyen comes to us from SWAT and so there is no doubt that he will have no problem living life in the fast lane. Welcome aboard, Sir!

A Supervisor Style of Thank You

On May 3rd the 77th Street supervisors hosted a BBQ for the officers of their watch. The supervisors all donated to the cause, and being the supervisors that they are, they managed to delegate the cooking duty to their SLOs, **Shea, Marquez, Wunderlich and Phi Tello**. Actually, it was our pleasure! This was just one of the ways that our supervisors showed us how much they appreciate our hard work and dedication. The officers dined on hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, "Marquez ceviche" and desserts provided from the kitchen of Sgt. Lee Sands and PSR Gale Briles. Thanks guys!

Employees of the Quarter

Congratulations to Det. Tom Marchetti, PIII Officer Ozzie Ramos, and Clerk Typist Lawanna Dobson for being selected for this divisional honor.

A New Deputy Chief in the House

Welcome back Deputy Chief Scott La Chasse! Chief La Chasse was last here at 77th Street as a Captain III in the mid 1980s. Ironically enough, when he left here he was overseeing the new construction of the new 77th Street Station.

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ACADEMY NEWS

by David Koeh
Training Division

Baker to Vegas

Training Division, Air Support Division, and members of the Continuing Education Division partici-



(L-R) Chief Parks with members of the Deputy City Attorney's office, Commander Pannell, and Captain Wemmer.

Transfers and Promotions

Lt. James Craig (Recruit Training Section) has been transferred to the Office of the Chief of Police. Lt. Craig will be assigned as one of Chief Parks' adjutants. Congratulations to you! Officer Russ Strong (Physical Training/Self Defense Training Unit) has obtained a Senior Lead Officer position at Central Division Officer



(L-R) Annabelle Whettam, Lisa Floyd, Kim Whitlow, Serda Caire, Veronica Grayson, Maxine Boyd and Rosalyn Hawes.

had collapsed in exhaustion. The paramedics had considered inserting an intravenous injection into his arm. Fortunately, he did not require an I.V. Bruce Barrios finished the final portion of the run. Bruce endured the leg



(L-R) Bruce Barrios, Captain Wemmer, Annette Olivas, Sgt. Reid, Mike Paturzo and Brian Arnette.

cramps that he had succumbed to prior to the finish line. Bruce exemplified the high standards of which Training Division instructors represent.

Training Unit) has been transferred to West L.A. Division. Congratulations and good luck to all of you!

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by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

On April 5, 2000, P-3 **Julie Carpenter**, #30931, and P-1 **Timothy Wollech**, #35468, working 16A71, was checking the area of Louvre Street and Tamarack Ave. when they observed a white pickup truck negotiate a left turn, failing to use its signal device (violation 22107 V.C.). The officers noticed the cardboard boxes in the rear of the bed of the truck. A traffic stop was conducted for the violation and their investigation was set in motion.

Officers approached the driver and asked for her driver's license, at which time she stated she did not have one, in violation of 12500 A.V.C. The driver then pointed to a neighboring house when a male Hispanic, Angeles, exited the house. The officers interviewed Angeles regarding the contents of the boxes and their point of origin. Angeles stated he purchased 276 pairs of brand new women's shoes from a female earlier in the day and that he had paid \$800 in cash. Angeles was unable to produce a receipt for the shoes and the boxes.

Officer Carpenter is a certified commercial burglary investigator. She had knowledge that there had been recent thefts of cargo containers of women's shoes. BAD was contacted and officers talked with Det. Zavaida who advised the officers he responded to their location to verify the contents. Det. Zavaida verified the contents and ultimately impounded the pickup truck and took custody of the shipping boxes and women's shoes.

The officers are commended for their attention to duty, their investigation skills and going that extra mile. The knowledge of these officers on current commercial burglaries, their sound judgment and use of department resources directly assisted BAD in solving one of their cases.

Foothill Detectives

I would like to honor two detectives for their outstanding work. The first detective is D-2 **Teri Roble**. She had to take over as the OIC of the juvenile table for several months. She would work closely with all the officers assigned to the unit. She would promote officers to be proactive in all investigation and assist and find resources for all the community. She

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was also involved with the Jeopardy programs, the development of the blue room for all the children who were victims of child abuse, and also obtained toys for all of the kids. For all of her hard work for 1999, she was awarded Foothill Area Detective of the Year. We are all grateful to have an outstanding person working here in Foothill Area.

The second outstanding Detective is D-3 **Rudy Quintanilla**, who has been on the department for over 29 years. Rudy has been in the Division for five years, working the robbery unit as the OIC. Rudy is an expert in solving crimes, by doing follow-ups and collecting clues to solve all of the crimes in the Foothill Area. Rudy has great people skills with victims, officers, and suspects he interviews. Because of Rudy's working relationship with patrol officers and working as a team, he has reduced robberies in Foothill Area by 20%. Rudy always goes to Day and P/M roll calls to give all the officers current crime information on wanted suspects. Rudy also has a working relationship with state parole agents gaining information on wanted parolees. I would like to announce that Det. Quintanilla was the 1999 Foothill Area Investigator of the Year.

Sports

Congratulations to all Foothill Runs for their outstanding 7th place in the Invitational Category. By the way, we beat 77th Division by two places and finished 40th out of 200 teams. Thanks to all of the runners and support personnel for the successful finish. Team members were **Larry Martinez, David Escoto, Sammy Huizar, Efren Gutierrez, Frank Alferez, Ron Walker, Matt Simanski, Eric Reade, Tom McNullen, Brandon Purece, Julie Carpenter, David Mario, Wes Buhrmester, Rick Koval, Eric Bixler, John Frankman, Jerry Wert, Arno Clair, Sabdy Carlisle and Jess Morales**. Great job all of you. Thanks for doing a great job and for representing the division.

Well, our softball team is doing great with the leadership of Sgt. Smith batting .1000%, Sgt. Watts .999%, Officer Johnson .999%, Collier .700%, Davis .700%, Lamonica, Pikor, and Swanson .600% and the team is batting over 600% and runs average 20 runs a game. Great job.

Special Thanks

The Almaraz family and Gagliano family would like to thank Officer **David Swanson**, #35141, and his family for the help in sending our families to Cedar Sinai Hospital for the best care for my father-in-law. My father-in-law had a bypass surgery and is now recovering at home. This surgery has given him new life. Again, thank you again for the information needed to help my family—David Swanson.

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Foothill Area is pleased to announce that a member of its extended family, Breezy Long, has recently been awarded an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She will report for duty on June 29, 2000, following her graduation from Hart High School. Upon her graduation from the Academy in 2004, Breezy will receive a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

Police Service Representative for the past 16 years.

Breezy's grandfather (and Tanya's father), **Dean Hickey**, retired on a service pension from the Los Angeles Police Department in 1974, having served this city for 20 years, 16 of which was spent riding a motor. Dean Hickey joined the Department after serving in the First Marine Division during the Korean War. He currently lives in Blanket, Texas.



Breezy Long.

As Breezy begins her new life and a promising military career, Foothill Area wishes her the best of luck and God speed. As she faces the challenges that lie ahead, we know that the skills and determination she has gained in her youth will serve her in the future. We all share in the pride felt by this fine young woman's family.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Jeff Churchill
Newton Division

Promotional Parties

A promotional party was finally provided by Lt. Tony Zamora, Det. 3 Kelle Baits, Det. 3 Mike Bauers, Det. 3 Jimmy Vena, Det. 2 Jesse Linn, Det. 2 Dennis Fanning, Det. 1 Steve Razo, Det. 1 Greg Kading and Sgt. Yolanda Caterino at an undisclosed location somewhere in Southern California. A great time was had by all.

Commendable Capers

On March 13, 2000, a robbery suspect entered the Los 4 Hermanos Market. The bandit pointed his handgun at the forehead of one of the clerks and demanded money. Officers Gil Silva and Ann Chavez were eastbound on Martin Luther King Blvd. when they observed the bandit run out of Los 4 Hermanos Market carrying a paper bag and a gun. The bandit saw the officers and ran southbound in the alley, then westbound through houses.

Silva and Chavez, realizing that this guy wasn't at the Los 4 Hermanos Market for their Blue Light Sale, quickly broadcast that they were in foot pursuit of a robbery suspect and requested additional units and an Air Unit. The responding units quickly established a perimeter and sealed off the area. A K-9 Unit responded and conducted a search, which resulted in the apprehension of this bandit and the recovery of the property.

The suspect had at least one prior arrest for robbery and was recently sentenced to 12 years in prison.

Great job! And, Mike appreciates it too!

On Wednesday, April 19, 2000, Newton officers responded to an "Officer needs help" radio call at the "Harbor Freeway southbound at Manchester Avenue." "California Highway Patrol Officer down." Officers received information via a crime broadcast of an "Attempt Murder on a Police Officer," and a license plate number of the suspect's involved vehicle.

Officers Meade and Seffel, with permission from Newton Supervision, conducted a follow-up to the registered owner's residence, but were unable to locate the vehicle or suspects. Later that evening Officers Humphries and Nunez, while conducting routine patrol,

observed the suspect's vehicle parked out front of the registered owner's home. With permission from Newton Supervision, Officers Humphries and Nunez conducted a stakeout of the residence and saw a male Hispanic enter the wanted vehicle. The officers began to follow the suspected attempted murderer when the vehicle drove off and requested a backup. When Officers Meade and Seffel arrived, Humphries and Nunez had the suspect in custody.

The suspect was booked on an unrelated charge, but the case was later handed over to Robbery Homicide Division for the attempted murder investigation.

This truly reflects the outstanding response by police officers coming to the aid to their fallen comrades. Great job!

Congrats

Congratulations go to Kira Davy and Pedro Torres for their recent promotion to P-3.

Ins and Outs

Welcome to the new "Newtonites," Sgt. Worrell from Narcotics Division, Sgt. Mabie from Wilshire Division, Officer Felix from Pacific Division, and Probationary Officer Faltinowski (that's a fun one).

A big see ya to Sgt. Dan Garcia who is crossing over to Detective 1 at Harbor Division, Det. Janelle Williams heading over to Pacific Division, Officer Alison Bacon going to Pacific Division and Officer Sandra Platano is leaving for Van Nuys Division.

Bloopers 'n Blunders

During the recent Baker to Vegas job-a-thon, Sgt. Phil Alaniz, with his overwhelming speed and endurance, was attempting to overtake a runner when a chase vehicle began to brush up against him. Since Phil is a recent graduate of the Department's Arrest and Control School, he started using the punching and jabbing techniques with the vehicle "stop resisting, stop resisting." Believe it or not, it worked. The chase vehicle backed off without further incident.

I'm sure the case vehicle (he thought it might be from Costa Mesa P.D.) didn't see him. Yeah, right.

Congratulations to the Newton "Mixed" running team for taking 11th in the "Baker to Vegas Relay."

Just a Reminder

Don't forget the Newton reunion on Friday, October 13th, at the "original" Academy. It's the 75th.

For more information, call Detectives J. D. Furr or Kelle Baits at (323) 846-5363 and Det. Roseira Moreno at (323) 846-6547.



by Chris Merlo
Rampart Division

Baker To Vegas!!!

"Way to go Rampart!" "Good to see you here Rampart!" "Looking Good Rampart!" That is just a sample of the words of encouragement heard by Rampart's Baker to Vegas team during the race. The various agencies encouraged by Rampart during the night time

G. Goble and Det T. Casper. Welcome O. Pardo, Congratulations to Lt. Litton who is leaving to OCVD. As for a Lt. 2 spot, congratulations to D. Mejia who was promoted to P-3 in Rampart.

Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Commendation

Recently I was notified of a commendation that came through from the District Attorney's Office. I believe this shows Rampart's superior high standards, professionalism and ability to work with other agencies. On 2-10-00, Sgt. Pasos was in the area of 3rd and Westmoreland when he obs'd a 211 I/P. Sgt. Pasos intervened and the suspect fled. The suspect escaped from the perimeter and a PIR was taken by Ofc Schube and Calzadillas aka #9.

On 2-11-00, Ofc. Viramontes and Det. Anderson received the case. After



trek through the desert were so supportive of our team, that it literally became an emotional, uplifting experience for the entire team, runners and support personnel alike. It is no secret that Rampart was struggling to put a team together, but through the generosity of Rampart's awesome boosters, the dream became a reality. The excitement was contagious and there was an overwhelming show of support by the entire division. That excitement carried over to the race when various agencies, hurrying to their next leg, would pull up alongside Rampart's follow vehicle to cheer us on. It turned out to be an incredible weekend for Rampart's team when, at 0946 hours on Sunday, Rampart crossed the finish line first (Cowboy, of course!). Rampart Area was proudly represented by its runners: Lieutenant Bob Green, Sergeants Bob Hamilton, Jeff Wenninger and Sergio Guzman, Detectives John King and Victor Castro, and Police Officers Dave Budek, Marissa Frial, Mario Marquez, Frank Garcia, Tricia Criswell, Sal Ogaz, James Muniz, Stacey Szymkowiak, Nathan Baez, David Garland, Ralph Brown, Art Gamboa, Phil Chan, and Dimitrius "Cowboy" Connor. Rampart placed 8th in the "Station" category, and we are all very proud of everyone who pulled together during these trying times in Rampart Area. More importantly, we would like to thank everyone who encouraged us throughout the race. A special thank to all of the former RAMPART personnel for their support. We all agreed that it was a race that we will never forget! Contributed by Mariana Vasquez.

a comprehensive follow up inv., the susp was arrested and charges were filed D.A. Berger commended Det. Anderson, Sgt. Pasos, Ofc. Schube, Calzadillas, Macias and Reserve Ofc Macias for an "OUTSTANDING INV", WELL WRITTEN REPORT, AND CREDIBLE TESTIMONY.

Fun In The Sun

On April 13, 2000, newly assigned DII's and Detective Trainees sponsored an on-duty promotional activity. The BBQ luncheon was held at Rampart Operation Support Division Sun Deck (a.k.a.) parking lot. Everyone assigned to Rampart OSD, Patrol and Civilian work force were invited. The divisional attendance was at an all-time high with well over a hundred in attendance. Those in attendance were able to sit among the picnic tables and enjoy each others company on what turned out to be a beautiful



sunny day. The meal included scrumptious hamburgers, hot links, baked beans and all the fixings. The event was extremely successful. Many appreciated the opportunity to bond with one another especially during the trying times we are experiencing as a division. There are plans in the works to have more events of this type in the future.

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TRANSIT RAIL

by Officer Robert Peters
Transit Rail Division

Summer is here and while many of our more senior (read: old) officers and supervisors are out on their vacations, less senior (read: boots like me), are still here to handle the day-to-day grunt work of transit policing.

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Every year some lucky supervisor is given the headache of collecting money for the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation Celebrity Golf Tourney tickets.

This year it fell to Sgt. Song "Kneecapper" Suh. He did a wonderful job of

strong-arm-ing-er, I mean encouraging officers to sell their tickets.

All joking aside, the Memorial Foundation is an extremely important charity.

I imagine that most of us have known someone whose name is now inscribed in black granite. The Police Memorial Foundation is there for us in our time of need. When all of the ceremonies are over, the eulogies read and an officer's name and face consigned to history, the Memorial Foundation remembers and continues to support the bereaved families.

Remember that it is important that we honor the memories of our fallen with the support of this nonprofit organization.

We Mugged!

"We mugged," said Commander Zimmon as he walked through our small group. We stood amazed. The Commander (who had spent the entire race driving our follow vehicle) nodded. "Congratulations." And that about said it all.

Transit Group vaulted 54 places to finish 69th overall and 12th in the Mixed Category. Our finish time of 16:22:54 earned us a mug and victory over the evil forces of LASO's Transit

Services Bureau. I believe that's LAPD 3, LASO a big fat goose egg!

LAPD kept the faith (and the glory and the trophy)! The newly made trophy, an antique coin box from an old MTA bus, was presented by MTA's Dan Cowden. LASO got some steak knives.

Team Captain Mike Hall took possession of the trophy and is very proud, but has refused to show it to anyone else. He's been running around to amusement parks and family gatherings carrying this huge trophy.

I saw it, but I had to go to Mike's to do it . . . seriously! He dusts and cleans it every day!

I'm just kidding about all this, of course. The trophy is really in the Commander's office, sitting on a pedestal, bathed in the soft, warm glow of a museum spotlight.

Incidentally, Transit Group's running team raised more than \$1,600 for the Lupus Foundation charity, by donating their time and money during the run. Way to go.

Special Thanks

... to a group of people who are all too often overlooked in the frenetic pace of the Baker to Vegas weekend. The spouses (husbands, wives and significant others) of the team members are the unsung heroes of a successful Baker to Vegas team. So I'm gonna sing for them. (Just kidding . . . you can clear your ears y'all.) Every year runners train, support teams support, and our significant others put up with it, understand it, support it and even participate in it.

This year Angela Hall, Nandi Berglund, Vicki Downey, Frankie Rogers and Allison Carter were among many of those who were there for the team when things got rough. Angela spent the entire race in the follow vehicle with Commander Zimmon. She was also essential in assisting Mike with his preparations as Captain. Nandi spent the entire race locked up in our command post with Sgt. Berglund. That's worth a medal right there. Vicki was essential in assisting Angela, Mike and everyone else involved in the race. Frankie is a massage therapist. She and her friend, Sharon, volunteered their time and talents to keeping our team up and running. I hate to think of how much money they could have made if they'd charged everyone who asked for a "necessary" massage. (They could've put Woodie through Harvard Law School on my bill alone, I'm sure.) Allison had not slept at

Congratulations to all the Transit runners and support teams for your effort, dedication, and commitment in the Baker to Vegas Relay. We placed 12th which once again left our competitors scratching their heads wondering, "Where did they come from?" Our gratitude goes out to those runners who followed through on their commitment to the Transit team, with a special thanks to those alternate runners who without complaint came through at the last minute to carry on the Transit Torch.

Congratulations

To Officers Anthony Acosta and his wife, Mable, on their new addition, Miss Samatha Acosta. Samatha came into the world at 8 pounds, 5 ounces on April 25th (goodness Anthony). One thing to remember—sleep is something that science cannot abolish, but babies can. Sleep tight.

Top Cop

Officer J. Flores received the honor of Officer of the Quarter for his outstanding attention to duty, observation skills, and follow-up investigations. Officer Flores has shown field knowledge, consistency, and enthusiasm as a patrol officer at Transit Bus Division that has enabled him to make quality felony and misdemeanor arrests. Keep up the good work.

Farewells

To Sgt. L. Delgado and Officers Kniss and Chaney whom all will be sharing a new experience together at 77th Division. Officer Johnson will be joining the West Traffic Division family. Good luck to you all and be safe.

Boarding Transit Bus

Officers Washington, Damiano, and Elorrea. Welcome to the Transit Bus family and be sure to have the W/C give you your bus tokens for the ride.

Well, that's it from your Transit Bus editor for the June edition, but first let me share this simple quote: "The roots of happiness grow deepest in the soil of service." Be safe and please share any thoughts or pictures with me for the next issue.

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by Lupita Alaniz
Transit Bus Division

Wow! Already half a year has passed. It seems as though when you age time seems to pass by quickly, or as I recently read somewhere, "Life is like a roll of toilet paper—the closer you get to the end, the quicker it goes." Which brings to mind a recent learning experience about always being prepared as a follow vehicle for the Baker to Vegas relay by having one hand



Baker to Vegas Relay Team: T. Gipson, L. Rogers, B. Verma, M. Preciado, N. Kouri, M. Morales, S. Garcia, J. Bernal, R. Capa, S. Ewing, W. Rogers, E. Jimenez, L. Segura, A. Ochoa, E. Guevara, J. Carroll, M. Lynch, R. Coates, J. Gonzalez and J. Flores. Supporting team, G. Bailey, B. Morales, R. Peters, S. Pena, K. Scroggins, M. Hall and J. McDonald.

on a roll of toilet paper consisting of more than three sheets, in case your runner decides to detour to an Andy Gump (port-a-potty) in the middle of a race.

Sports

It's the 34th annual statewide Police & Fire Games. Those of you planning to attend any of the competitions, the days vary from June 25 to July 1. There's plenty of traditional sports such as soccer, volleyball, or basketball, but for you eclectic sports enthusiasts there's bass fishing, horseshoes, or bowling. But seriously, I definitely would love to see soccer fans as the LAPD women's teams race the gold this year! As for all the Transit Bus officers who will be participating in the games, good luck and have fun. There's definitely going to be more competition this year with the Fire Departments joining us.

all when a major snafu hit on Sunday morning, but she accompanied me back out to the race course where she assisted Officer Michelle Perry (TBD) and I in delivering our runners.

To all of our family and friends, we couldn't have done this without you.

Anchors Aweigh

Last week, P-2 Joel G. Miller (Captain, USMC, Ret.) donned his "Alphas" and did me the honor of presiding over my re-enlistment in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Joel and I have been friends for a long time, and it was great to have him administer the oath. So at the Elysian Park Police Academy I raised my right hand and re-upped as Gunner's Mate 2nd Class. Starting next month I will be the small arms trainer for the 31st Construction Battalion (sea-bee's) aboard Port Hueneme, California. (Which means I'll probably end up chief monkey trainer at NAS Antarctica).

Catcher's Mitt (Instant replay ...)

Paul Bernard Barrera will be 12 weeks old when this hits the press. Paul's proud parents (say that three times fast), Sgt. Ann Barrera (Transit Group) and Sgt. Peter Barrera (shhhh . . . he works ATD) are thrilled, both with their son and that their lazy divisional reporter (that's me) finally got off his tuchus and gave a decent birth announcement.

Paul's doctor made the catch of the 8 pound, 15 ounce fastball at 0203 on March 16, 2000 . . . a healthy baby boy. Sgt. "Mom", Sgt. "Dad" and young Paul are all doing fine. Congratulations to the entire Barrera family.

Welcome, Y'all

TRD welcomes new blood: Officers Estrella (HARB), Grabiak (HWD), Carloza (IAG), Miller (RAMP), Bonilla (SW), and Dickson and Fernandez both from Van Nuys. All of you are welcome here . . . and you can never leave! (Ah-hahahaha . . .) Sorry, forgot where I was for a second. I used to be the voice for Disneyland's Haunted House ride . . . you understand ...

Enough Already

. . . like I've never heard that before. I'd say "see you next month," but I'm not making plans that far in advance these days. So, until next time, I'm outta here.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Devonshire

Dateline

by Officer Don Graham
Devonshire Division

Devonshire Officers Involved in Mugging

The Dev Dawgs went to Las Vegas in 2000 with a purpose, to capture the coveted BtoV mug that had eluded them last year. The goal was simple. What was needed was to put together a team of runners fast enough to meet the fourteenth place requirement for a mug and



Dev Dawgs Baker to Vegas Team 2000.
to assemble a support team committed to winning and to not getting penalized.

And so it was that the maroon and silver clad team made its way from a rainy Los Angeles to the hot desert playground that is Las Vegas. After a day of soul searching, rest and wholesome prepara-

Ofr. Steve Gomez, Ofr. Katherine Gosser, Ofr. Ed Herrera, Ofr. Caesar Corona, Sgt. Art Tom, Ofr. Louis Cabrera, Ofr. Luis Lozano, Ofr. Jose Verdin, Ofr. Christina Frua and Sgt. Gary Ryan. Alternates: Ofr. Miriam Cooper, Ofr. Rosalinda Saldon, Ofr. Phillip Sellers. Support team: Ofr. Bob Lequinn, Team Captain; Ofr. Don Graham, Co-captain. Section leaders: Ofr. Sally Barnes, Ofr. Ray Corralis, Ofr. Catherine Parker, Ofr. Stefani Carson, Ofr. Mike Coggle, Support Team: Ofr. Martin Contreras, Ofr. Charles Surh, Ofr. James Wirth, Sgt. Rudy Santos, volunteer Anna Delis, volunteer Elaine Espritu, volunteer Justin Diaz, volunteer George Brown and volunteer Karen Coggle.

Babies, Babies, Babies

The year 2000 has brought much joy to the Devonshire family in the form of



Dev. female officers show off their mugs.

tion in Vegas (yeah, right), the Dawgs set out to accomplish their mission.

When the last runner crossed the finish line in exhaustion, the support team turned in their times and then the waiting began. Did we make it? Our time seemed good enough to make the top fourteen. Excited tension mixed with exhaustion as the Dev Dawgs arrived in small groups to the Grand Ballroom of the Rio Hotel for the Awards Ceremony. Then, after long hours of anticipation, the time was posted: 14 hours and 2 minutes—eighth place in the Mixed Category. The Dev Dawgs had Mugged!

Congratulations to the Dev Dawg Baker to Vegas team for posting the best finish in Devonshire's history. Runners: Sgt. Ron Kubitski, Ofr. Jose Valle, Ofr. Mike Watson, Capt. Joe Curreri, Ofr. Brenda Verduzco, Ofr. Gabriel Gaxiola, Ofr. Ryan White, Ofr. Edgar Vega, Ofr. Rose Freyder,

children, lots of children. Starting on January 8, Ofr. Barbara Schosser-Johnson had a 9.9 pound, 21 inch baby girl, Hannah Temperance. On Feb. 10, Ofrs. William and Dora Lantz (both Dev Dawgs) welcomed all 7 pounds, 8 ounces and 19.5 inches of Jacob Aidan



Officers Dora and William Lantz with new son Jacob Aidan.

ball scouts were seen at the birth of Payton Chase Moore, new son of Det. Eric Moore, at 8 pounds and 22 inches. Finally, winning the award for bringing the most love into the world is Ofr. Mark Purse. His new boy, Elijah James, born on March 23, 5 pounds, 13-3/4 inches, will not have to worry about playmates being the SIXTH child in the Ryan family. Ofr. Eric Solter cycled to the



by Cole Burdette
Air Support Division

ASD Happenings

The weather outside is starting to heat up a bit and so is our training schedule in preparation for the Democratic National Convention this summer. Like any big event we expect the convention to run smoothly but we're going to be ready just in case. Our Special Operations and Huey Cadres are working with S.W.A.T., Bomb K-9 and Metropolitan Division K-9 to have our game plans ready. We continue to scout and prepare landing zones (L.Z.'s) throughout the city, in every Division, for rapid deployment citywide. You can expect a cadre member to visit your roll calls soon because you may be called upon to assist in securing an L.Z.

If we weren't busy enough our first batch of pilots is now cycling through the American Eurocopter factory school in Texas. The first group is Don Rueser, Ed Mecon, Lew Peake and Mike Neveaux. This is of course in preparation for delivery of our new "Birds" this spring. As I've learned almost everything related to aviation involves delays so I won't quote the latest delivery date. Let's just say they're coming. I don't mind delays if all the pieces are where they ought to be when they get here.

The latest list of "Outstanding" candidates has been posted for Tactical Flight Officer. The following officers will soon come up for their one-month loan to ponder, "Why did I sign for this?" Seriously TFO is one of the best and most rewarding jobs on the Department, it just takes time to get it wired. The process is intense. Congratulations and good luck to the following... Adam Greenburg, Harbor; Manuel Dickerson, Rampart; Robert Harell, Southwest; Jeffrey

Marcure, 77th Street; Jaime Marin, 77th Street; Zoltan Mako, Van Nuys; Robert Cadena, DSD; Ronald Loomis, Pacific; Keith Green, Northeast; Elias Villasenor, Northeast; Gregory MacDonald, Hollywood; Gregory Duran, Central; Ernest Ramos, Rampart.

Attention Detectives

Many of you take advantage of our "Fixed Wing" to assist in completing your investigations so this is for those of you that aren't aware of it. We can fly you in the comfort of our LAPD ASD "King Air." We fly all over the Southwest and beyond so give us a call if you can use this service. The screening process requires that the flight be "cost effective" and usually involves Airports the major carriers don't provide service to. (If timing is critical we can also be much more flexible.) To get more information or book a flight contact Bill Anderson (213) 847-1739.

Tip of the Month

I still hear officers ask frequently "exactly what hours are we available?" We remain one of the only Airborne Law Enforcement units to provide 24-hour service. That's right, we're like 7-11 - we never close. Air Support begins "scheduled flights" at 0900 everyday and we field ships continuously until somewhere between 0330 and 0400am. After 0400am we are still available on a call-out basis. (Officer safety situations and Pursuits.) We have a day, mid-day, PM, mid-PM and AM watch 24/7 and our shifts and flights overlap to provide constant coverage. The number of ships up will vary depending on the day of the week our deployment and is sometimes affected by maintenance concerns. Air 3, 8 and 10 are day/PM watch. Air 11, 18 and 16 are mid-day and mid-PM designations. Air 70 and 80 cover AM watch and 20 and 40 day and mid-day ships on weekends. Just because the unit designation ends in a zero doesn't mean it's a Supervisor - it usually isn't! I know it sounds confusing, but hey, I didn't figure this system out - I just work here.

You watch your six and we'll watch the rest... Tak care.

Into the Dawg Pound this DP are Sgt. Taylor from NWD, Det. Thomas from PAC, P-2s Hernandez from ASD, Callis from Communications, Barrios from HWD and Fields, Sauer and Sly from WLA, and P-1 Vinh Do from TD.

Leaving the pound is new Sgt.-1 Dave Smith off to Wilshire to join Lt. Gene Leary, formerly Sgt. Leary from Dev CRO. Darrin Costi has added P-3 stripes to his uniform and is off to WLA. Also leaving the pound are P-2s Martin to Communications, Ed Herrera to DARE and Case and Villalobos to WLA.

P-2s Pete Fernandez and Mike Piceno promoted to P-3 Vice Investigators and Sgt. Damien Gutierrez was promoted to Sgt.-2 as the Vice OIC and Vice also welcomed Sgt.-2 Mathew St. Pierre. Congrats to Darie DelCore who became Dev's newest SLO.

Also, belated welcomes to Lt.-1 Robert Edgar, D-3 Steven Galeria, Sgts. Ronald Dickerson, Robert Davis, Joseph Writer, Victor Masi, Kenneth Kuntuzos and Richard Burrow, Detectives Robert Wolmack and Lillian Johnson and Officers Michael Boyle, Michael Braun, Lorrayne Jordane, Roger Johnson, William Lantz, Heriberto Salazar, Charles Chacon, Vicente Rico, Mary Lindquist, Danlon and Pedro Cabunoc.

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by Al Labrada
Southeast Division

Southeast Area employees are extremely concerned when either an employee or a family member of an employee is ill. When we concern ourselves with ill, we are not referring to a bad cold, headache or a bad case of I had too much to drink the night before. Dianne Goens, the wife of Senior Lead Officer **Randy Goens**, has been dealing with a serious and possibly terminal illness. Once Southeast personnel received information about this tragedy we immediately got to work on a plan to assist our fellow officer and his family. The Community Relations Office, led



by Sergeants Hamilton and Hargeaves and the Senior Lead Officers, organized a golf tournament to raise funds for the family. The event took place on May 20th at the Los Verdes Golf Course in Rancho Palos Verdes. All proceeds will go to Randy and his family in their time of need. Dianne, your family here at Southeast is rooting for you and we will see you at our annual Southeast picnic. If you would like to assist, please contact the Southeast Area Community Relations Office at (213) 485-6934.

I would like to change moods and bid a special farewell to three highly respected employees here at Southeast. First, Lt. **Rick Shields**, who was assigned as the Southeast Day Watch Commander, has left Southeast temporarily. He is now the Office in Charge of Hollywood Vice. Next you have new Sgt. **Bart Landsman**, who is off to Harbor Division. The next person to run out on us is Senior Lead Officer **Jeretta Sandoz**, who made Detective and is off to Wilshire Division burglary table. A nice luncheon was held at the Red Lobster in Torrance and attendance was good. Congratulations on your promotion. All of you will definitely be missed.

*** well deserved promotions of our newest Detective trainees here at Southeast. Although competition was

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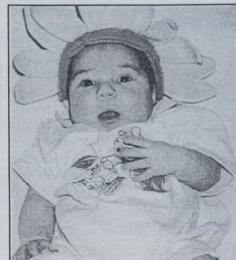


Janelle Lillian Chrissens, born 12/6/99, 8.5 lbs, 21 inches.

tough, the decision was good. The new Detective trainees are P-III **Dominick Iasparrro**, P-III **David Kowalski**, and P-III **Christian Mrakich**.

Several other congratulations in *** order. Recent 25-year pin recipients at Southeast are Det.-III **Larry Molinar**, Sgt. **Henry Quan** and SCT **Yvonne**

Bragg, Prop. Officer **Mike Carter**, Gar. Att. **David Childress**, CSA **Lorraine Cook**, PSR **Joyce Corrales**, Gar. Sup. **Jacob Culpepper**, Mech. **Davoud Darager**, MA II **Eruch Dastyar**, CSA **Rey DeGuzman**, CT **Joyce Eberhart**, CT **Laronda Echols**, CT **Dashawn Gray**, CT **Beverly Hameick**, PSR **Cheryl Harper**, CT **Leslie Harris**, CT



Hailey Rose Perez, born 3/6/00, 8 lbs., 4 oz.

Delissa Herod, CSA **Candace Hunter**, DO **Alice Kirkland**, PSR **Barbara Lawrence**, DO **James Loftin**, CT **Raquel Mabin**, DO **Lula Martin**, CT **Beverly McCowan**, CT **Marcia McKell**, SCT **Debra Mercer-Watson**, DO **Terence Mitchel**, CT **Hiawatha**



Lillyanne Francis, daughter of Officer Francisco Garcia and wife Kristine. (7 lbs., 3 oz., 20 1/4 in.)

Moore, Mech. **Hung Nguyen**, MA II **Brenda O'Brien**, SR **PSR Linda Perkins**, SGT **Cynora Shepherd**, MA I **Donna Shibuya**, MA II **Teresa Sims**, PCP **Karen Sims-Brown**, SRA **CSA Coleman Stevens**, DO **Thadeus Stewart**, SDO **Allisen Sutton**, SDO **Earnest Truesdale**, PSR **Gloria Unterberger**, CT **Jeannette Watson**, DO **Keith Williams**, CT **Michelle Williams**, SCT **Yvonne Witherspoon**, MGT Aide **Shanda Wright** and CT **Nicole Young**.

Fifth Place Mixed and 32nd Overall

In April, officers from various agencies throughout the nation made their annual migration to Baker, California, for the Baker to Vegas run. This year Sergeant **Steve Showler** did an exceptional job of taking the role of Team Captain. The team's overall performance from last year (37 overall) improved this year with a 32nd *** overall standing. Steve did an

extraordinary job organizing barbecues, gathering sponsors, ordering uniforms and getting the team ready. Steve was able to accomplish this extraordinary task while still taking on his AM watch responsibilities, all with minimal use of special detail assignments. This task is a monumental responsibility. *** funds, logistics, communication and *** commitment. Our hat's off to you, Steve, and to the outstanding team you organized. The following are the 2000 Southeast running team members: P-II **Allan Shepherd**, P-II **Catherine Sobieski**, P-III **Tim Colomey**, Sgt-II **Marcella Pierol**, P-III **Maria Martinez**, Sgt. **Pete Zarcone**, P-I **Thomas Burke**, P-II **Mario Moreno**, P-3+1 **Floro Pinzon**, P-II **Gloria Vazquez**, P-II **Josh Ulrich**, P-II **Mario Adam**, P-II **Miguel Perez**, Sgt. **Steve Showler**, P-III **Tony Perez**, P-II **Corbin Ellison**, P-II **Robert Rodriguez**, P-II **Daliah Vizcarra**, Sgt. **Jay Nunez**, P-II **Daniel Dau**; Alternates: P-II **Carlos Olmos**, P-II **Rudy Barillas**, P-II **Carter Fenstemacher**, P-III **Robert Yance**, P-I **Gina Meza**.

Special recognition goes to Sgt. **Jay Nunez**, who ran leg #19 of the race and had outstanding run times during the qualifications. Sgt. **Nunez** is near that milestone, 50 years old, and claims this may be his last Baker to Vegas run. *** Steve would like to thank all of the support personnel that supported the 2000 Southeast Baker to Vegas team.

Ins and Outs

I would like to welcome Sgt. **Robert Miles** (NE) back to Southeast. He left briefly but is now back to enjoy the scenery. Welcome to new Southeast employees, Sgt. **S. Lara** (FTHL), Det.-I **P. Batts** (HWD), Det.-I **P. Stone** (PAC), Det.-II **J. Crofty** (DHD), P-III **M. Strosnider** (ND), M. **Hernandez** (VNY), P-I **C. Loos** (TRNG), P-I **J. Reeca** (TRNG), and P-I **R. Sandoval** (TRNG).

Farewell to Det.-I **B. Shinn** (ND), P-III **Pat Wu** (HOBK), P-II **M. Johnson** (PAC) and CSA **C. Matthews** (JD).

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Southeast Golf Shirts (short sleeve), dark gray, gray, dark blue and black; SM, MD, LG and XLD - \$30.00.

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Southeast 20 year pin - \$3.00.

Southeast 108th Street-Tower Hat - \$12.00.

Baker to Vegas Southeast 2000 Running Shirt - \$13.00.

Southeast Jogging Jacket 108th Street logo - \$35.00, and matching pants - \$10.00.

If you would like to purchase any of the above items, you may contact the Community Relations Office at (213) 485-9909.

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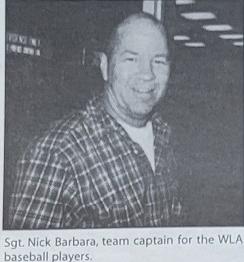
by Mary Dacey
West Los Angeles Division

So long, farewell, auf weidensein adieu . . . to you and you and you . . . said Sgt. Angela Chu as she goes to "the rock". . . again! She said after 4-1/2 years she is taking Buffy the wonder dog (AKA AWC) back to Foothill with her. In her own words she said, "Crime needs me there. I OD'd on lattes as this IS West Latte!" We wish her the best of luck and lots of flan-n-n-n-n.

The "Boys of Summer" are back. The 3rd West L.A. softball game was held on April 26th at Hjelle Sports Center in the Sepulveda Basin. Players for the game against West Valley included: Sgt. Nick Barbara, Greg Parker, Alan Behnke, Marty Mojarr, Dennis Hinman, Todd Schmitz, Lou Vincent and Paul "Muskie" Muskovin.

I was invited along to cover the game and rode over the hill with SLO Dennis Hinman, first baseman for West L.A. He informed me that Sgt. Barbara was the captain, coach, founder, fund-raiser and pitcher for the team. It was a hot day in the nineties and Behnke almost made a

home run in the first but was tagged out as he slid in to the plate. Muskie was up next and homered to make it 1-0. Sgt. Barbara took a walk and Parker fouled away for the third out. It was 2 to nothing.



Sgt. Nick Barbara, team captain for the WLA baseball players.

ing at the bottom of the first and here comes West Valley. Their inning started with a single followed by a pop fly to left field. Next was a Homer to even things up in the first followed by a grounder that got away at first and ended up being a triple (an error for Hinman who made up for it by getting the next batter out at first). Up next for West Valley the player grounded to second with a good throw by Behnke to first but not in time for the out, 3 to 2.

Marty Mojarr said, "The under-staffed West L.A. team held their own against first ranked West Valley in the first inning." West L.A., however, went

B.A.D. News

by Lou Koven
Burglary Auto Theft Division

In-N-Out

This month in BAD we've had a lot of movement. I'll start at the top and work my way back. Lt.-II Verne King (BSS) is leaving BAD for an assignment in Narcotics Division. Lt. King recently returned from the FBI's National Academy. The National Academy is approximately a three-month assignment. Lt. King graduated in a very special ceremony with his fellow classmates to commemorate the FBI's 200th National Academy. The graduation received national news coverage. Congratulations to Lt. King on the completion of the FBI National Academy.

Also leaving BAD is long-time OIC, Lt.-II Al Corella. Lt. Corella is leaving BAD TRAP for an assignment at DSD. Good luck with your new unit.

All of that news would be exciting enough to some people, but there is one

Detective whose excitement over his new assignment is almost overwhelming. Det.-II Chris Brazill (BSS) is leaving BAD for his ultimate assignment, to work SIS/DSD. Chris has devoted a lot of time to training and personal commitment to meet this goal. Chris always hoped one day he would work SIS. Congratulations and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

Also leaving BAD is Det.-I Cleo Guevara. Cleo was assigned to BSS and successfully completed an assignment in TRAP while at BAD. Cleo will be working Organized Crime-Vice Division. Last, but certainly not least, is Det.-I Richard Householder. Richard just brought a new house near the beach and is changing assignments, moving to Pacific Division Detectives, which is a little closer to home. We wish you all good luck in your new assignments. You will be missed at BAD.

So far I have only covered the people leaving. Kathy Lyles finally made it back from retirement and is the Captain's Secretary once again. Welcome back, Kathy!

Special Congratulations

Having attended the last delegates meeting, I was pleasantly surprised to see retired Det.-III Jim Becker, his wife Det.-II Melinda Becker and their children at the May Delegate's meeting. This was no chance meeting. Jim and Melinda's son, Brian Becker, was the LAPPL's guest of honor. Brian Becker, who is an A+ senior at Moorpark High School in Ventura County, was the first place winner in the LAPPL College 2000 Scholarship Awards. Brian received a \$3,000 scholarship to the college of his choice. Check next month's Blue Line for the photos and Brian's winning essay. Congratulations

down in order in the second inning, and on it went with West L.A. falling behind as West Valley continued to bring in the runs with the final score 33 to 7, West Valley! Sorry guys, better luck next time . . . and maybe a Dodger dog or two. They did have better luck the next time as West L.A. defeated Van Nuys 12 to 8 on May 3, 2000, same time, same baseball diamond.

Officer Tim Marks is "in the house. . ." Marks works as an E.C. also known as a traffic enforcement officer. He writes citations and meets with citizens regarding traffic problems in the West L.A. area, working also in conjunction with the West Traffic Division. He has



Ofr.Tim Marks...on traffic detail in West L.A.

been responsible for deploying "decoy cars," empty police cars with remote-controlled police lights, making passing motorists slow down thinking that the police are really there. He has also deployed SMART trailers which flash a motorist's current speed as they whiz by. Partners in this assignment are Bruce Cardenas and Pat Smith.

Officer Marks has been here for over one year and has been on the force for almost seven. His future goal is to become a motor cop. He believes that the support of Capt. Michael Hamilton and Sgt. Craig Lally have helped him in this endeavor. He wanted to offer his special thanks to his wife and two children for standing by him over the years.

I am happy to report that the Justice for Janitors strike has been settled, so hopefully, we will not have anymore traffic jams in Westwood or Century City. The officers did a commanding job under the supervision of Capt. Michael Hillmann. They were "lying in wait" for the protesters after being surprised by an early demonstration the first time around.

Baker-to-Vegas had West L.A. placing 15th when a discrepancy arose by another police entity claiming that one of their runners had been pushed off course by one of our officers. Had it not been for that, each runner would be drinking their coffee, joe, or latte from a brand new mug. Then again, there's always another chance next year.

There are many others who have come and gone this month, but, alas, I am out of room for now.



has one more important reason to celebrate—the birth of his second child. Emma Kayle Brazill was born on February 15th and weighing in at 7 pounds, 1 ounce, 21 inches long. Emma is featured in one of our photos.

IOD/Injured

Best wishes for speedy recovery go to Reggie Jackson and Yvette Moreno. Hope you heal soon and come back to work. Jim Battle is still at home healing. If you get the chance, call them up to say hello and ask how are you.

Birthday Wishes

This month's birthday babies are Jenifer Sneed, 6/3; Emma Ramirez, 6/4; Reggie Jackson, 6/6; Kara Lynne Clifford, 6/6; and Joe Williamson, 6/12. Since I missed the May Blue Line article, I owe the May birthday babies their wishes. Better late than not at all! Happy (belated) birthday to John Toland, 5/3; Jaime Samaniego, 5/11; Yvette Moreno, 5/11; Smith Thompson, 5/13; Tim Bell, 5/26; and Keith Jackson, 5/30. That's four CATS having birthdays in the same month!

Special Announcement... Double Retirement Celebration!!

I know some people are going to find this hard to believe, but two of BAD's finest are retiring. Det.-III's John Toland, #16464 (BAD CATS), and Jim Battle, #15893 (BSS/Metals/Pawns), are finally and officially pulling the pin. The celebration will take place at the Academy Lounge for dinner on Wednesday, June 28th, starting at 1700 hours for cocktails. Both of these detectives are hovering around the thirty-year mark and have been at BAD forever. This will be a party to remember! Tickets will be available at the BAD Desk or through the CAT Section. Call (213) 485-2507 or 2524 for information.

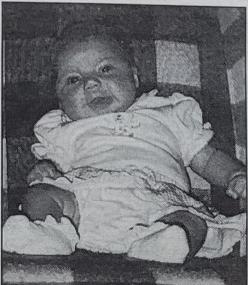


Alan Eugene Bell
Mar. 22, 2000 7 lbs. 10 oz

10 ounces, and at 20 inches long. See Alan's picture in this month's article.

We already congratulated Chris

Brazill on his new assignment. Chris



Service is our middle name

M.S.D. Notes

by Roger C. Deranian
Management Services Division

This will be my last time writing Management Services Division's Notes for the Blue Line. I was promoted and moved on over to Newton Area.

The main subject is, of course, the recent Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. Administrative Group (AG) and



Wong, Payne, Stringer.

Management Services Division (MSD) are both less than three years old and this was the first year we had a team in this great event. Most of the runners previously participated in the relay as members of other teams, so there was a great deal of experience. The AG team came about through the support of Captain Michel Moore, Commanding Officer of MSD (who was also a member of the running team), and the commitment, dedication, and tremendously



hard work of co-captains Wayne Levins and Patty Gerst.

I am pleased to report the AG Team, or "Aggies," did very well; coming in sixth in their category and winning one of those great mugs. The group photograph is of the AG running team members: Front row from the left; Art Gomez, Trisha Milewski, Carrie Katsumata, Mark Ro, and Mike Flynn. Back row from the left; Travonne Dixon, Dave Watson, Jim Gavin, Mark Forman, Wayne "Dallas Cowboys forever" Levins, Yana Horvatic, Captain Mike Moore, Patty "...and your point is?" Gerst, John Sherman, Valerie Gettis, Jeff Burt, Jorge Villegas, Dennis Ballas, and John Karle. Unfortunately not in the picture are runners Shelley Wong, Roy Ortiz, and Jim Render.

I want to take the opportunity to thank the members of the support team that was comprised of AG and MSD personnel, family members, and friends. Although a few had participated in this event before, most had not. But each understood how critical his/her job was and consequently brought a positive, "can do" attitude, and displayed initiative, flexibility, and dedication throughout the event.

Oh, I should also mention that the book drive coordinated by team co-captains Wayne and Patty in coordination with the Challenge Cup Organizing Committee was a tremendous success. Almost four thousand dollars was raised and presented to Baker High School in the form of a gift certificate through Barnes and Noble Booksellers! The amount of money donated, along with the additional educational discount will equate to around seven thousand dollars in buying power. Congratulations to all who participated in that effort!

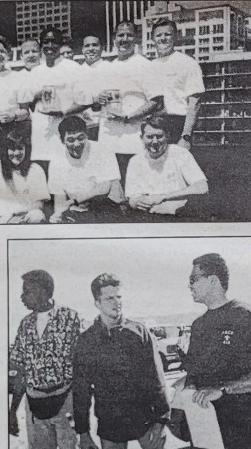
The team also wants to thank Star Ford in Glendale and Hamer Toyota in Granada Hills for their generous support of our team and of the Los Angeles Police Department. We also want to specifically recognize our own Art Gomez. He not only was one of our

runners, but our fund-raising chairman who, through his own tireless efforts, and the support of his wonderful family made participation in the Challenge Cup economically viable for our relatively small Group.

Finally, I want to share a couple of our photo memories with everybody. The three intense-looking guys

are (from the left) Steve Thorne, follow vehicle coordinator and one of three drivers, and veteran runners Jeff Burt and Jorge Villegas. Preparing for the start of the event is the first of three follow vehicle crews; Ron Stringer (LAPD retired and Challenge Cup veteran) who is the driver, Ed Payne is the timer, and Shelley Wong, alternate, and in charge of runner safety and support.

Again, thank you one and all for a great and memorable event.



Thorne, Burt, Villegas.

On a personal note as I leave the Division, I want to thank everyone at MSD for their friendship, the opportunities for professional development, the fond memories, the great experience, and a lot of fun. I would encourage anyone out there with the ability to write, and to persevere through challenging and intricate projects to keep an eye on the transfer opportunities and apply when there are openings in MSD.

Managing Editor's Note: Roger has been a very active League Delegate. We will miss his insight and dedication to protecting officers' rights.

VAN NUYS Happenings

by Bob Rose
Van Nuys Division

Okay, here I go... completely unprepared to write this article. Guess it will be just as disorganized as all the prior articles. My excuse is more valid this time. I was on vacation, out of the country for the first time in my well worn 60 years. So I am sort of out of it.

Lt. Jodi Wakefield was on vacation when I returned. No help there. Tom Bibbs, Ron Carpenter, Ron Allen, and Jim Rigney are all much too old to remember what happened last month. So here I am trying to piece some events together. My trip to Italy was fantastic. If any of you get a chance to take one of those Perilli Tours, do it. Come back with the good tourist attitude. I just had to buy Venetian glass, Florentine leather, a couple of Sorrento music boxes, and postcards from Capri. I then

the computer mice keep disappearing. Where is that cat?? We will not have any computer mouses left if this keeps up. Steve may just have to be assigned one more mystery to solve.

I noted that long time WAFCO Supervisor Robert Fernandez was on the transfer to Transit Rail Division. I guess he will watch the pretty choo choos. I don't know how that unit works or what it does. Then, Nine Sandoval wants me to mention that there is never any toilet paper in the woman's locker room. So it was one of those administrative things, huh, Bobby boy? As a show that he did not resent the transfer, Fernandez presented Nine with his very best roll to celebrate his departure. Good luck on the Rails.

When I was on vacation, Van Nuys Shortstop was shipped to Southwest. Thanks a lot position and control. We spend all this time looking and you ship him out, of course. Dan Fernandez's claim to fame is as a quarterback of the Department football team. The western division champions Department football team thank you very much. Van Nuys is well represented as Troy Collins informed me, and in addition to these two I already knew about Larry Koreen, a long time member of the offensive line. I'm sure Dan appreciates Larry keeping those nasty defensive type off of him so



Yours truly, old Bob Rose, hammering it up with a couple of Federal Italian Police. They made sure I understood the Fiat to the rear was not theirs. They drive Alfa Romeos.

just stare at stuff in Rome—especially the Vatican. Very, very impressive. One of our group was a contractor. The contractor took one look at the leaning tower and said, "Don't know how it got that way, but my boys can get it straight six weeks max." Probably so, Lou. As



Nina Sandoval attempts to avoid being presented with Fernando's parting gift.

with everyone else who has visited this country, I ate my way through Italy. Great food. Now if someone can just fix their phone system. I was correct on one point. I would be too fat to run Baker to Vegas. So true.

The team did run, and most did quite well. Even if one did have to stop and attend to nature's call. Well, those things happen. Just not to youngsters that often. Once again, congrats and thanks for all of your hard work, Jodi.

I did notice a sign on yet another computer—mouse missing. I knew that Fisk should not have been moved from the Homicide Unit. Now that the Homicide cat is not in Homicide, all of

he can complete all of those fine looking passes. Then Troy gives me a bunch of other Van Nuys coppers that play on this team . . . and I lost the list. And all of these guys are big, strong, fast and young. I will just have to find this list for the next article. Promise, don't hurt an old man. I'll make it up to you, honest I will. You know you can trust a reporter . . . Oops, wrong thing to say . . . but I will . . . I will.

I noted Bob White sporting some new P-3 stripes and I am sure many will await to garnish the arms of others as Van Nuys has six openings and two three plus one openings as we finally got rid of Mark Kelly by making him a sergeant and shipping him out. I heard the same fate awaiting Vivian Flores. Both of these are not confirmed, but the grapevine strikes again. Hope I didn't make anyone angry. And once again I am leaving in July, so we need someone with absolutely no future with the Department to come forward and write the Van Nuys Happenings. Or else no one will know anything. Just like the command staff . . . can I say that . . . I don't think so. I will print a retraction in August or September or sometime. I will say one thing. For all the bad press our Captain gets he has never said anything to me about what I write in the Blue Line. I have in the past included him in my article, often not very kindly. But he either doesn't read the Blue Line or does have a sense of humor hidden and knows how to laugh at himself and not take this job serious all of the time. I hope all of you have had as much fun reading this stuff as I have writing it.

Bob, signing off . . .

DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Patrol Division

Hello, Everyone and a happy June gloom to you. Vacation time is upon us. May you enjoy your time off in the company of your loved ones.

Baby Announcement and Update

As reported in last month's issue, a baby shower was given by Hollenbeck Detectives for expectant father-to-be **Dan Jaramillo**. I am now happy to announce that the baby has arrived. Little Alissa Jaramillo made her presence known on May 5th at precisely 9:30 am. Baby Alissa weighed in at 6 lbs., 4 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches in length. Dan, mom Dora, and baby are all doing well. Congratulations on your new family addition and my nothing but the best come your way.

Baker to Vegas

Official Challenge Cup results are in and I am saddened to report that we came up just short in our quest to obtain a mug at this year's event. We did, however, have an outstanding effort by all



Hollenbeck Roadrunner taking a fuel break.

those involved. Thanks go out to everyone who took the time to participate as both runners and support. A special thanks to **Austin "Kermit the Frog" Fernald** or organizing the event.

Another Baby Update

March 6th marked the 1st birthday for Cameron McLaren, son of our very own



Cameron William McLaren, March 6, 1999.

Craig "The Happy Leprechaun" McLaren Cameron is doing well and is a happy baby as is his dad. Happy belated birthday to the littlest of the Leprechauns.

Fundraiser

Hollenbeck's Reserve Corps is hosting a Golf Tournament Fundraiser on June 19th. Make your plans to partici-

pate at the Monterey Hills Golf Course, Monterey Park. Check-in time is set for 7:00 am with a shotgun start scheduled for 7:30. Hope to see you all there. For more information, see Sgt. **Mike Marchello** in the CRO office.

Annual Picnic

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this year's picnic, scheduled for July 22nd. The annual event will be held at Santa Fe Dam in the City of Irwindale. The event is a great way to see old friends and reminisce about old times. Let's get together and have some great, relaxing fun with our families and enjoy the day. For more information or to purchase tickets, see PSR **Linda Ortega** in the subpoena control office.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate **Armando Coronado** on his promotion to



PSR Linda Ortega and former Hollenbeck alumni, now Montebello Chief of Police, Gary Couso-Vasquez at Baker to Vegas ceremonies.

Detective D-1 Coronado is now assigned to Van Nuys Division. Congratulations also go out to new Hollenbeck Training Officers **Andre Clansy**, **José Romo**, **Gilbert Sanchez** and **Jose Vasquez**. Congratulations to all of you as you move up the ladder of success.

New Arrival

Hollenbeck Records has a new clerk typist. Please welcome **Rina Aragon**, who previously worked in the building and is now a proud member of the Hollenbeck Family.

...Speaking of New Arrivals

P-3 **P. Wu** is now serving the citizens of Hollenbeck, in from Southeast Division. We have one new probationer by the name of **E. Erby**. We also welcome a new orderly to assist us in keeping Hollenbeck a clean place to work; his name is **CSA L. Hernandez**. A big Hollenbeck welcome to all of you.

Farewell

We bid farewell and good tidings to P-2 **Stacy Davidson**, who is now patrolling the streets of Pacific Division. Stacy, good luck in your new assignment.

Que Paso?

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, **Steve "Tot Cop" Morales**. Stand when I am talking to you!

Winning With West Traffic

by Jorge F. Torres
West Traffic Division

The West Traffic family would like to congratulate and wish a fawn farewell to Captain **Paul Kim**. Captain Kim will be taking over the reins at Harbor Division. During his tenure here, Captain Kim accomplished many great things. His pro-active leadership and introduction of community policing programs to WTD culminated in the highly prestigious Department Management Award. Good Luck at Harbor!

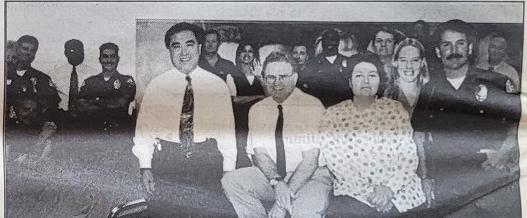


Tiana Marie born to Officer Bob Bernal and wife Misty on 1/26/00.

Proctor and **Dan Gregg** are establishing resource material about the system and have met with representatives from Culver City, Beverly Hills, the CHP, and the involved courts. Implementation of the program will begin on July 1, 2000. Each Bureau will have at least one intersection to monitor. As of yet the particu-



Captain Kim's promotion party: Shannon, Hajji, Gloria Snipes, Phil Okamoto, Captain Kim and Skip Masline.



More party: Captain Kim, Skip Masline, Martha Gonzalez, Susan Anthony and Pete Sanchez.

On the same note with the WTD family would like to warmly welcome Captain **Miller** as our new Captain. I know Captain Miller will do a great job in filling Captain Kim's shoes.

What is "Traffic Calming"? It is a three prong approach to managing traffic flow and reducing the occurrences of traffic collisions. It consists of education, engineering, and if all else fails enforcement.

Congratulations to our Traffic Analysis Detail, TAD unit, for making a difference in the engineering prong. They have been working ardently with DOT, Caltrans, and the City council. Two of the TAD unit's projects were accepted for re-engineering for the intersections of Highland and Franklin Av., Sunset and La Brea Av.

WTD is preparing for the "Photo Red Light Camera Project" Officers **Bill**

intersections have not been disclosed. However, according to the most venerable **Phil Okamoto** West Bureau's Photo Red Light intersection will be at the intersection of "Walk and Don't Walk". Once again Phil you are in the know!

We wish a speedy recovery for VTD's **Chris Blankenship**, who recently took a hard spill off his motor. Chris spent a year at WTD and still has many good friends here.

We like to welcome officers **McCarthy** from 77th, and **Johnson** from Ted. We wish Officers **Debbie Gauff** and **Effren Flores** good luck at Communications. And Officer **Zack McReady** is flying over to LAX Detail. Remember Zack try not conduct traffic stops on any 747's!

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Claybusters Discover "Heat" in Arizona

by Jimmy L. Trahin

The temperature wasn't the only thing hot at the Arizona Police Games on April 6-7... so was the competition! With the afternoons reaching into the mid-90's the LAPD Trap and Skeet Club found heavy competition from shooters who wanted revenge on our last year's "take all the medals" victory.

This year two teams were sent that included Dave Herrick, Joe D'Anjou, Ross Weddle, Greg DeWitt, Vic Elliott, Annie (Oakley) Hennessey,

The next day was a trap shooting marathon from sunrise to sunset. We managed a bronze in the initial 16-yd. event but suddenly tragedy struck. Don Bray, one of our premier shooters, began turning various shades of color and dropped out of the remaining events. Later it was discovered he had consumed a bad batch of cow juice. In posteriority he was consequently awarded an honorary medal for not barfing on the shooting range. Lacking one of our best shooters we limped through the



Medal Winners in Arizona - (Standing from left) Dave Herrick, Joe D'Anjou, Ross Weddle, Greg DeWitt, Vic Elliott; (Kneeling) Annie (Oakley) Hennessey, Dennis Ford, Jeff Nocket, Jimmy Trahin. Not pictured: Don Bray, Cary Shore.

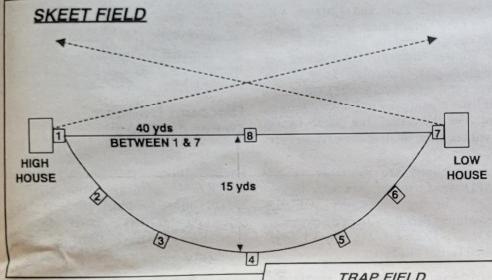
remaining events and were able to garnish a silver and bronze in trap doubles.

Individual trap awards again went to Weddle (bronze in 16-yd.) and Nocket (bronze in doubles). Weddle's great shooting was rewarded with a bronze medal in High Overall in trap and skeet events. The shooter who really outshined everyone was our very own Annie (Oakley) Hennessey in the Ladies category. She took a bronze in 16-yd., a silver in 21-yd., and a bronze in trap doubles. For her tenacious effort

Annie won the bronze in High Overall trap and High Overall trap and skeet events. Great shooting for LAPD "Miss Oakley"!

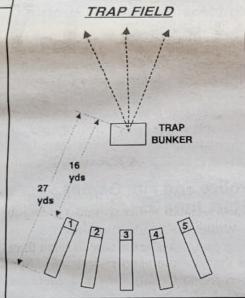
The Club is now gearing up for the upcoming California and Nevada Games. Anyone interested in becoming a "team player" can give me (Jimmy Trahin) a call at (562) 698-2674 or e-mail at "jtrahin@ix.netcom.com".

Remember: If you love your shotgun, it will love you!



Dennis Ford, Jeff Nocket, Don Bray, Cary Shore, and yours truly, Jimmy Trahin. Although we failed to gain the number of medals that earned us the great fame from last year we did manage to bring home a respectable quantity with "every-body" taking something back.

The first day at skeet shooting allowed us to acquire two bronze team medals in the 12 gauge and doubles events. Individual awards went to Weddle with a gold in 12 gauge while Nocket took the bronze. Jeff also garnished the silver in doubles and a silver as High Overall in all skeet events.



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Four Riders Take 1st Place at Motocross Nationals

Four LAPD participants finished on top in six categories at the first two rounds of the Fire and Police Motocross National Championships, held April 3-4 at the Glen Helen Raceway. The final two rounds will be held at the end of Summer.

Central Traffic's Rob Cosner and Southeast's Charlie Beck each took first place finishes in both rounds. (Cosner in the first round veteran novice group, second round sportsman novice group and Beck in the vintage category.) In the first

round Hollywood's James Linder came in first in the veteran beginner ranking and in the second round Southeast's Donovan Nickerson took first in the first time beginner category.

Vic Curti took a second and third place finish among the super old timers (age 50+) and Sean Malachi (Southeast) claimed dual third place finishes riding a two-stroke all-terrain four-wheeler.

(See photos on page 49).

LAPD RESULTS - ROUND 1

	Moto 1	Moto 2	Overall
Vet Beg			
James Linder (Hwd)	1	1	1
Doug Wilson (USD)	4	5	4
Rich Swisher (ATD)	5	12	5
Stuart Lomax (Fthl)	11	8	8
Donovan Nickerson (SE)	14	9	12
Dan Hadfield (ASD)	15	10	14
Sean Fiola (TBD)	30	27	28
Vet Nov			
Rob Cosner (CTD)	1	1	1
FTB			
Donovan Nickerson (SE)	5	4	4
John Izzo (Fthl)	12	22	16
Spt Beg			
Andy Vergara (Fthl)	5	11	11
Rich Swisher (ATD)	13	10	13
Scott Coffey (Fthl)	14	13	16
Bryan Basaker (CTD)	16	14	18
Stuart Lomax (Fthl)	12	19	19
Vnt			
Charlie Beck (SE)	1	1	1
Spt Nov			
Rob Cosner (CTD)	3	8	4
2stk Quad			
Sean Malachi (SE)	2	6	3
SOT			
Vic Curti (Ret)	2	2	2
Dick Postma (Ret)	5	5	5
OT Exp			
Charlie Beck (SE)	6	9	8
OT Nov			
Rob Plourde (Fthl)	9	5	6
Phil Walters (USD)	6	9	9

LAPD RESULTS - ROUND 2

	Moto 1	Moto 2	Overall
Vet Beg			
Dan Hadfield (ASD)	10	10	9
Rich Swisher (ATD)	15	8	11
Stuart Lomax (Fthl)	12	11	12
Doug Wilson (USD)	9	22	14
Sean Fiola (TBD)	24	21	23
Donovan Nickerson (SE)	23	33	26
Vet Nov			
Rob Cosner (CTD)	1	17	10
James Linder (Hwd)	22	9	17
FTB			
Donovan Nickerson (SE)	2	1	1
John Izzo (Fthl)	13	11	11
Spt Beg			
Bryan Basaker (CTD)	5	11	7
Andy Vergara (Fthl)	16	10	13
Rich Swisher (ATD)	19	12	17
Scott Coffey (Fthl)	12	24	21
Vnt			
Charlie Beck (SE)	1	2	1
Erin Larsen (TRD)	7	7	7
Spt Nov			
Rob Cosner (CTD)	2	1	1
2stk Quad			
Sean Malachi (SE)	3	4	3
SOT			
Vic Curti (Ret)	3	3	3
Dick Postma (Ret)	4	5	5
OT Exp			
Charlie Beck (SE)	8	8	8
OT Nov			
Rob Plourde (Fthl)	5	5	5
Phil Walters (USD)	3	7	7

CLASSIFICATION LEGEND:

Age: Spt (riders over 18), Vet (over 30), OT (over 40), SOT (over 50)

Ability: Exp (fastest racing class), Int (second fastest),

Nov (third), Beg (fourth), FTB (first timer)

Bike: 2sk Quad (two stroke engine, four-wheel all terrain), Vnt (mfg before 1975)

LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow
LAPRAAC Sports Editor

Jesse Unruh, speaker of the State Assembly some three decades ago, coined the phrase "Money is mother's milk of all politics." So, too, it is with athletics.

If you're a team captain Thursday, June 15, is a very important date. LAPRAAC is conducting its Team Captains Meeting for Fiscal Budget Requests from 1130-1430 in the Academy Lounge. Teams looking for support in the upcoming 2000-2001 fiscal year are encouraged to send their captains or designated representatives to the lunch.

For more information, or to make reservations for this very important meeting, contact LAPD Athletic Director Tony Adler (CED) at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218.

Bench Press Competition Set Friday, June 9

In a few short days we'll know whether the 77th Street Power Pigs, led by head boar Paul von Lutzow, can extend their eight meet winning streak into the 21st century. Registration will be allowed through 1600 hours on weigh-in day, Thursday, June 8, so there's still time to compete! Cost is \$20 per lifter if paid prior to Tuesday, June 6, and \$30 thereafter. The triple bench event begins at 0830 in the Elysian Park Academy Gym.

Applications are available at all LAPD weight rooms, Academy locker rooms, or by contacting Athletic Department Secretary Jeanne Schwab at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218 or via LAPD e-mail (#B8306).

Red Davis Tourney Coming in Mid-June

If it's June it means the Red Davis Tournament for the Department Slo-Pitch Championship is just weeks away. League play was still underway at our press deadline and dates for the tourney were still being settled. For up-to-date information, call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

Police and Fire Games Start June 25

While the registration deadline is long past, what better way to relax than to make the short trek to San Bernardino County area and cheer on your LAPD brethren competing in the 34th Annual Police and Fire Games.

Opening ceremonies are 1600 hours at the Gardiner Springs Auditorium in Ontario. Family-type events include a three-day Street Fair starting Thursday, June 29, 1700 hours, at the Ontario Convention Center. Events on Saturday, July 1, starting at 1000 hours, will feature the Firefighter Muster.

For more info on events (both athletic and family-oriented) call (909) 483-2838 or log onto www.pafg2000.org.

Teams Compete in Scorpion Soccer Tourney

LAPD men's and women's teams recently participated in the two month long Scorpion Soccer Tournament, organized by Det. Jose DeLeon. Games were played throughout the Southern California area against 18 squads representing the Sheriff's Department, L.A. City Fire Department and local teams outside of law enforcement. A contribution from the Los Angeles Police Protective League helped make the event possible.

Both LAPD teams advanced to the second round of competition. The women's team is currently 3-1 but results of the consolation match for

third place were not available at our press deadline. The men's squad finished 1-4. Both teams played hard against very strong and skilled teams from the community, leaving a positive image by their sportsmanship and dedication. Presenting trophies at the April 29 finals were the El Salvadorian Consul General and City Councilpersons John Ferraro and Jackie Goldberg.

Calling All Duffers

The next LAPRAAC Golf Club tournament is slated for Friday, July 21, 1000 hours, at Whittier Narrows. Cost is \$45 per person (including greens and cart fees, lunch, and prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive). The last few events have been sold out so make your reservations early by calling Jeanne Schwab at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218.

Any Flag Footballers Out There?

It's time to begin testing the waters for a Y2K Flag Football season. Divisions interested in fielding a team this year (or individuals looking for a team on which to compete) should contact Athletic Department Secretary Jeanne Schwab at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218 or via LAPD e-mail (#B8306).

Discount Dodgers Ticket Available

A limited supply of discount Dodger tickets is available at the LAPRAAC administrative office. Tickets must be purchased 10 days prior to game date and are sold on a first come, first served basis. Seats are in the inner reserved level and cost \$15. Game time is 7:10 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Games in late June, July and August are: Fri. 6/9 and Sun. 6/11 (1:10 p.m.), Oakland Athletics; Mon thru Thurs. 6/12-15, Arizona Diamondbacks; Fri. 6/16 and Sat. 6/17 (time TBA), St. Louis Cardinals; Tues. 6/27 and Thurs. 6/29 (6:10 p.m.), San Diego Padres; Fri. 7/14, Anaheim Angels; Tues. 7/18, Pittsburgh Pirates; Fri. 7/21, Sat. 7/22 (TBA), and Sun. 7/23 (5:10 p.m.), San Francisco Giants; Fri. 8/4, Sat. 8/5 (TBA) and Sun. 8/6 (5:10 p.m.), Milwaukee Brewers; Mon thru Wed. 8/7-9, Chicago Cubs; Fri. 8/18, Sat and Sun, 8/19-20 (TBA), New York Mets; Thurs. 8/24 (1:10 p.m.), Montreal Expos.

For more information or to obtain the full season schedule, contact the LAPRAAC office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 203.

Short Personal Note

Yes, that was my daughter, Rachel, you saw last month on "Touched by an Angel" and currently see in the Pac Bell DSL commercials. Thanks for asking!

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LAPD MX Team Scores Big at Rounds 1 and 2 of the Fire and Police Motocross Nationals 2000!

by Rich Swisher

Cops and firemen from all over the U.S. came together again for the first two rounds of this year's Fire and Police Motocross Nationals. This championship series is the premier competition in the world of public servant motocross and every penny of profit goes to the families of fallen firefighters and police officers. This year the LAPD Motocross Team along with sponsors: FMF, Factory 909, Troy Lee Designs, SPY, Acerbis, Maxima, Alpinestars, Zing, JB Grafix, Bell and LAPRAAC, absolutely rocked the competition and set a high new stan-

them from the bottom of our knobs to the top of our helmets for all of their first rate assistance.

Our shiniest badge over the two days of racing would have to be Rob Cosner / CTD motors. Cosner was

Last, but not least, is Jeff Coles of Van Nuys who raced the four stroke class and the dual sport class. For some reason I don't have his results to put in this article, but I do remember Jeff leading one of his races, so we will just go with



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bumped up to the novice class for this year after posting consistently strong results last year as a beginner in his first ever season. Rob started this season out strong too, posting the highest overall novice results in the nation taking home a gold medal each day in two different classes. Our Jurassic jammers almost brought in enough precious metal to constitute another California Gold Rush. Charlie Beck / SOE won a medal in the vintage class, and Vic Curti / (Ret) reeled in a silver and a bronze in the super old timers class. Dick Postma returned to active racing and put his sixty-some-odd-year-old self into fifth overall after being away from racing for many years. The toughest classes going had to be the beginner classes though. One beginner class filled a forty rider gate and the other was close with thirty-six. Our ten beginners, Hadfield / ASD, Linder / HWD, Swisher / ATD, Wilson / USD, Lomas / FTHL, Nickerson / SOE, Fiola / TBD, Vergara / FTHL, Coffey / FTHL and Basaker / CTD fought hard on a packed track against 66 other racers and did our department proud with several medals. Our novice classes went a lot deeper than just Rob Cosner's big scores. Rob Plourde and Phil Walters of Desert racing fame just missed the medals in the old time novice class, but vowed to be on the podium for sure next time.

its winning ways with first and second place finishes. Team #2 (Steve Embrich, Neil Goldberg, Paul Shumway and Lisa Wernli) captured two fourth place finishes.

Welcome aboard to our newest shooter, Stefanie Diaz. She's already been

Individual Match Results

	Riverside Sheriff	Sheriff Reserve
High Master Class		
Lou Salseda	1489 X 92	3rd Place
Neil Goldberg	1486 X 89	1478 X 83
Don Tsunawaki	1486 X 87	1481 X 90
Bob Barnes	1485 X 96	1480 X 84
Rick Bennett	1482 X 87	1482 X 97
Expert Class		
Tom Mace	1453 X 58	1449 X 64
Lisa Wernli	1450 X 46	1444 X 58
Steve Embrich	1443 X 51	1455 X 74 3rd Place
Unclassified (new shooter)		
Stefanie Diaz	1413 X 52	1451 X 69

shooting like a seasoned veteran. If you are interested in joining the Pistol Team, contact Rick Bennett at FTU (818-832-3752) or Bob Barnes at FTU (213-485-3169). ♦

The Ten Ring

by Rick Bennett

It's that time of the year again to dust off the ol' target guns as the 2000 Pistol Season is upon us. On the weekend of April 8-9 team members traveled down Interstate 5 to San Diego to compete in

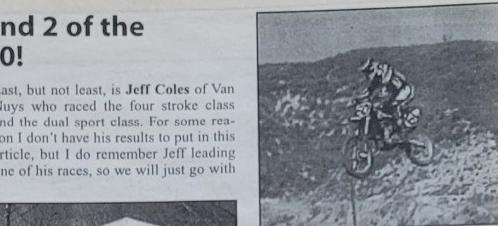


Photo by Greg Duran

Rob "The Golden Boy" Cosner soars over the big finish line table top.

away with medals as well. James Linder / HWD won both motos of the Vet beginner class for the gold. Sean Malachi / SOE snatched a hard fought bronze medal from both the first and second rounds of the 2 stroke quad class as well as two hole-shots. Donovan Nickerson / SOE turned out to be a hole-shot artist as well, and ended up winning a gold medal in the first time beginner class. Other first timers that turned in strong results were Doug Wilson / USD, Dan Hadfield / ASD, John Izzo / FTHL, Andy Vergara / FTHL, Phil Walters / USD and Erin Larsen / TRD. Those of you that think you can't race motocross because you didn't grow up riding should chat with some of these folks. Who knows, you might even find the strength to admit to yourself that you're tired of the same old intramural drag that you have been living through since you outgrew high school sports! June 5th is the FPMN Grand Prix at Glen Helen. This type of race ends up being more of a laid back festival type atmosphere that families really enjoy, so come on out and share in the fun! ♦



Photo by Greg Duran

Jeff Coles racing his street legal XR.

him taking the gold in both! I apologize to the Jeff Coles fan club for the inaccurate and promise to publish his accurate results in the next article.

A bunch of new blood was added to our team, and several of them walked

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Final Results

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7. SOUTHWEST AREA	16:02:54	56	12. Santa Clarita Station (LASD)	16:54:42	97
8. DEVONSHIRE AREA	16:05:21	58	13. Kern County Sheriffs	17:00:17	103
9. U.S. Customs - Los Angeles	16:11:28 (P5)	61	14. Monterey Co. Sheriffs	17:07:50	108
10. NORTH HOLLYWOOD AREA	16:13:40	63	15. Salta Lake City Police	17:16:08	113
11. NEWTON STREET AREA	16:15:01	65	16. Imperial Co. Law Enforcement	17:42:07	124
12. TRANSIT GROUP	16:20:52	68	17. Writ Stuff XIII	17:47:43	128
13. PACIFIC AREA/WEST TRAFFIC	16:29:36	75	18. FBI - Las Vegas	17:50:23	129
14. Houston (TX) Police	16:38:49	80	19. Walnut Station (LASD)	18:02:59	135
15. WEST LOS ANGELES AREA	16:43:51 (P10)	88	20. Crescenta Valley Station (LASD)	18:03:55	136
16. CENTRAL/CENT. TRAFFIC/OCB	16:48:25	91	21. Fleet Feet	18:12:43	144
17. VAN NUYS AREA	16:50:33	93	22. Montebello Police	18:17:58	149
18. Long Beach Police #1	16:59:37	100	23. Buena Park Police	18:25:49	151
19. HARBOR AREA SHARKS	16:59:51	101	24. Claremont/Covina/La Verne/Monrovia	18:33:04	155
20. NORTHEAST AREA	17:01:23	104	25. La Habra/Tustin Police	18:33:10	156
21. Drug Enforcement Agency - San Diego	17:06:35	107	26. Pico Rivera Station (LASD)	18:38:38 (P5)	158
22. Royal Canadian Mounted Police	17:23:46	118	27. Univ. of California Police	18:44:05	162
23. San Bernardino Sheriffs	18:08:30	140	28. San Bernardino Probation	18:49:00	163
24. San Diego County Probation	18:12:30	143	29. Brea Police	19:07:17	168
25. Calif. Hwy. Patrol - South Los Angeles	18:14:03	147	30. San Dimas Station (LASD)	19:38:35	174
26. D.A.R.E.	18:35:22	157	31. Nevada Attorney General	19:45:45	175
27. IRS/CID #2	19:59:09	179	Navajo Law Enforcement	17:00:00 (UO)	
28. Long Beach Police #2	20:21:40	183	Barstow PD/Dept. of Interior	17:40:59 (UO)	
WOMEN (all female runners)			Calif. Youth Authority	18:36:07 (UO)	
1. Federal Bureau of Investigation	16:57:45	99	300 (or less sworn personnel)		
2. San Diego Police	17:44:16	125	1. Fremont Police	14:31:55	10
3. Dallas (TX) Police	18:26:42	153	2. Pasadena Police	15:32:01	39
4. Riverside County Sheriffs	20:38:46	185	3. Huntington Beach Police	15:41:30	43
800 (combined age of runners = 800+ years)			4. Glendale Police	15:56:01	53
1. Special Enforcement Bureau (LASD)	13:44:28 (P10)	3	5. Torrance Police	16:02:19	55
2. Dallas (TX) Police	14:38:50	12	6. Oxnard Police	16:17:17	66
3. Las Vegas Metro Police	15:13:11	29	7. Spokane Co. (WA) Sheriff	16:42:21	85
4. Pitchess Detention Center (LASD)	15:18:07	32	8. Chula Vista Police	16:42:23	86
5. Stars Center (LASD)	15:19:26	33	9. San Bernardino Police	16:53:05	95
6. San Jose Police	16:04:43	57	10. L.A. Unified Schools Police	17:10:28	110
7. FBI - Los Angeles	16:11:35	62	11. L.A. Airport Police	17:23:04	117
8. Lomita/Marina del Rey Station (LASD)	16:28:41	73	12. SVPD/VCPD	18:00:53 (P5)	134
9. San Diego Police	16:28:51	74	13. Escondido Police	18:42:13	159
10. U.S. Postal Inspectors	16:29:56	76	14. North Las Vegas Police	19:12:05 (P10)	170
11. LAPD RETIRED	16:39:54	81	15. Ingelwood Police	19:15:32	171
12. Calgary (Canada) Police	16:42:12	84	16. Dept. of Insurance Fraud	20:16:07	182
13. MCJ/IRC (LASD)	16:43:15	87	F300 (federal agencies 300 or less sworn)		
14. Calif. Dept. of Justice	17:14:56	111	1. FBI - San Diego	15:22:57	35
15. Homicide Bureau (LASD)	18:49:51 (P10)	164	2. U.S. Marshals	15:22:58 (P20)	36
16. Calif. Hwy. Patrol - Antelope Valley	19:00:45	166	3. Drug Enforcement Agency - L.A.	17:05:12	106
17. Riverside Sheriffs	19:32:17	173	150 (or less sworn personnel)		
18. Calif. Dept. Corrections/IA	19:55:47	177	1. Beverly Hills Police	15:33:53	41
19. Commercial Crimes	20:39:04	186	2. Glendora/Azusa Police	15:45:53	46
20. San Diego Police (Women)	21:44:03	187	3. Newport Beach Police	15:58:07	55
STATIONS (patrol units)			4. Corona Police	16:37:35	78
1. WILSHIRE AREA	14:43:01	14	5. Santa Barbara Police	16:41:32	82
2. Lakewood Station (LASD)	14:44:25	15	6. Costa Mesa Police	16:48:35	92
3. East L.A. Station (LASD)	14:52:21	22	7. Whittier Police	16:55:15	98
4. Temple Station (LASD)	15:05:29	25	8. Fontana Police	17:20:06 (P5)	114
5. Lennox Station (LASD)	15:07:52	27	9. Irvine Police	17:32:05	121
6. Century Station (LASD)	15:22:43	34	10. San Diego Harbor Police	17:54:19	131
7. Norwalk Station (LASD)	15:37:17	42	11. West Covina Police	18:07:04 (P10)	138
8. RAMPART AREA	15:46:36	47	12. El Monte Police	18:08:12 (P10)	139
9. Industry Station (LASD)	15:47:26	48	13. Downey Police	19:08:08	169
10. 77TH STREET AREA	15:51:54	51	Montclair/Chino Police	18:38:48 (DO)	
11. HOLLENBECK AREA	16:28:02	72	Garden Grove Police	20:22:17 (UO)	
12. Malibu/Lost Hills Station (LASD)	16:51:01	94	99 (99 or less sworn personnel)		
13. WEST VALLEY AREA	17:21:25	115	1. Redlands Police	16:47:21	89
14. SOUTH TRAFFIC DIVISION	18:13:28 (P10)	146	2. Murrieta/Hemet Police	17:00:08	102
15. Calif. Hwy. Patrol - Central L.A.	18:16:56	148	3. Colton Police	17:33:00	122
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RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Bernie Remas

SABLA Picnic Month

For the month of June, we keep things rolling with a BBQ picnic and fun day out east of Sacramento in the gated community of Greenstone near Placerville. This time of the year is really great here in the Sacramento area. The weather is just about right, not too hot yet, and warm enough to be outdoors!

So get yourself together and join all of us on **Saturday, June 3, 2000**, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. This will be by a private lake and plenty of open space just for us SABLA people and guests. Food will be plenty. You don't have to prepare a thing.

But you can bring something, if you want to share! Your alcoholic drinks are OK. So bring your own choices.

The folks at the "Back 40 BBQ & Catering" have won all kinds of awards for their BBQ food and trimmings. They will have BBQ ribs and chicken and beef, salads, bread, etc. Then SABLA will furnish soft drinks, snacks AND then wrap it up with dessert. Mouth watering yet? And all this for the price of \$16.50 a head. If you need to call, contact **Ed Lewandowski at (916) 445-4710**. And if you're reading this Blue Line after June 3rd, well, sorry you missed it!

A few months back I reported that we were going to reduce the number of luncheons that SABLA is going to host for everyone. Remember? Odd months. Right? Got it.

OK. Now in addition to that change, we moved out of the Palomino for the month of May and had our **May 11th** luncheon at a place called "Friends"! What an appropriate name—"Friends"!

I don't have a report how everything went for the May luncheon, but we'll have more information in next month's Blue Line. We do know one thing. It was less expensive for all of you! And that's a plus for all of us

retirees. If we make this a permanent change, we'll keep everyone posted on when we will move. Or even if we decide to stay at the "old" Palomino Restaurant. I know that these changes are kinda distressing from time to time, but often are necessary.

I did have a lengthy (probably 5 to 7 minutes) talk with our current **Chairman of the SABLA Board, Justin Dyer**, a month or so ago. Other than his illustrious LAPD career which ended in 1978, Justin is quite an interesting story in contrasts. That's a good thing. Justin's a great guy. I began talking to him about his association with the **Empire Gold Mine** in nearby Grass Valley, and that began a personal profile. Justin was born in Alaska. He's the only person I've ever met who was actually born in Alaska. This month of June he is traveling home to Alaska for a visit. Then we got back to the **Empire Gold Mine** part of this story. Justin is a docent at the mine and takes people on tours of the mine. He has taken us on a tour a few years back. He was excited about a new \$2 million funding that had been approved for a new mine entrance project that will increase interest in the mine. It will then be a 1-hour underground experience. Justin states that the **Empire Mine** is the oldest, deepest and richest gold mine in California. It was closed in 1956. It remains on the list of historical mines in California. Retired and ex-LAPDers do everything, don't they? Thanks, Justin.

Former Commander **John Powers** has continued to furnish us with accounts from his UN-published book. Not being a **SABLA** member, again you fail to receive Hoy Key's **SABLA** newsletter. Excerpts of John's account of the '40s through the '70s are being reprinted in the newsletter, and you're missing some "good stuff!"

For the month of March, John had a detailed account of my old buddy, **Dave Wheeler's** heroics, and his partner back then, **John O'Toole**. It was a

Retirement Corner

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detailed account of Dave and John working a Metro assignment near the Green Gardens Cafe in the 9900 block of S. Broadway. What days they were on S. Broadway!! You had to have been there! And John was. John, I hope and pray you get to publish these chapters in a hardback copy someday! It would be a bestseller!

Check **Hoy Key's** newsletter for specifics. If you're not a **SABLA** member, and you don't get the newsletter, then you're left out! Sorry. You can always join. Contact Hoy at (916) 771-9206.

September is fast approaching. Put down **Saturday, September 23, 2000**. I bet you've already guessed that **Ron & Marilyn Kiser** have selected the Valley of the Moon Festival weekend for their LAPD Wine country BBQ! Right? Right!

For those of you that have been there in the past, you know what a great weekend this is, with the Patron's Wine tasting on Friday eve, and then the BBQ at Kiser's place on Saturday. The historical "Italia" truck will take you on a hayride and wine tasting in the vineyard, there will be a horseshoe tournament run again by **Tom & Sharon Purington**, who, by the way, must tell us about **Kosovo**. Also the wine bottle salami toss, and more. There will be a choice of

range chicken, or Harris Ranch New York steak with all the trimmings. And ALL the beer and wine you can handle, AND mix with finest group of men and women anywhere! It's truly a great day. If you've been in the past, come back. And if you haven't been there, you missed something awesome!

Call **Ron or Marilyn** at (707) 938-4937. Bringing an RV for parking? They need to know! Chicken or steak? They need to know! Tickets for the Friday night wine tasting? They need to know! Please call them ASAP!

Note: Tom Purington must tell us all about his temporary assignment from the Sheriff's Department here, to the one in Kosovo. Tell us what date you can come and be the speaker to a luncheon, Tom! He's very busy being a full time Sheriff's Deputy!

And, of course, we'll still be telling everyone about all of you **LAPDers** that visit us from all over the USA from time to time. And where our **SABLA** people are going. Don't forget our **SABLA** mailbox: P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353. Write to us. Your letter will be read to all!

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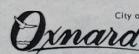
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RETIREMENT NEWS

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on June 21, 2000, at "The Lamplighter" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave and Nordhoff St in the room adjacent to the Bar Lounge. There is no set start time so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 A.M. with meal orders taken after 11:00 A.M.

We had 28 the April 19 luncheon. There was 1 new attendee Bob Sinclair (7684). Loyd Yandle (6192), Inland Blue Line President, was the old roster created prior to 1986. The other attendees were Don Barnett (7433), John Becker (5059), Barney Boronich (3861), Ted Debs (6808), Emmett Drennen (3279), Hillard (Curly)

Elliott (4534), Ray Elmer (5607), Don Erath (5244), Clinton Erickson (5608), Bill Feddersen (4823), Bob Fritz (4583), and Martha Fritz, Mel Harner (4501), Morrie Henkin (5247), Glen Kiley (3503), John Kepke (4603), Harold Latham (3503), Tom Lindholm (4734), Bob May (3747), Boris Meneghelli (3522), George Moore (10565), Paul Nichols (4047), Les Nolte (10821) Bob Pratt (3080), Cliff Shannon (2370), and Mel Tousseau (3270).

Our meeting are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail me at clint@pacbell.net if you want or have any information of interest for us at the Lamplighters. *

Inland Blue Line

by Loyd Yandle

Welcome to old Hemet, God's waiting room. For the first time in Inland Blue Line's history (17 years) we had to have our luncheon on the first Wednesday of the month (April 5th). We had to switch it because Wilma Hyden, our secretary, was scheduled to go to see her daughter and her two grandchildren who live in Geneva, Switzerland. And because we could never do without her, we had to schedule our luncheon a week early. It was okay only two members who usually come had to miss it because of trips that would put them back in port on April 10th. Wilma, hope you have a great time and we will see you in October on the second Wednesday.

We had a great luncheon. We had 101 retirees and I was able to get a great speaker thanks to my old (and I say old with reluctance) felony car partner. I can't tell you how long ago it was (I'd be telling Larry's age), but we chased some idiot down the street on horseback, yelling "The British are coming, the British are coming." He jumped a fence south of 5th on San Pedro and Larry could not get over the fence. Since Larry was much younger than I, I figured he could catch him much easier than this old man. It's just like the old, wise men said—never send a kid to do a man's job, no matter how old the old F—is.

Well, getting back to the speaker, Larry told me to call Keith Bushey, who worked for Larry when he was Captain at Central. He told me Keith was now a Deputy Chief with San Bernardino Sheriff's Station in the administration office in downtown San Bernardino. I contacted Keith and he was eager to come because he had heard of our club and had always wanted to come. And now I gave him his chance. What a speaker. You guys who missed this luncheon really missed something. Not one person left the meeting until he finished his presentation. Some 50 members lined up to shake his hand and ask questions. Keith recognized many of his old cronies. Thanks, Chief Bushey, for the wonderful presentation. You're welcome back any time and you made one mistake. Your presentation was so good we might just ask you to make another in the near future.

Don Graham got to come for the luncheon. He had not been able to come for a couple of years. Lotis (his lovely wife was ill), I'm sorry to say, passed away in March. Don is 91 and cannot see to drive anymore. Dora and Lloyd Tucker, who live in Vista, brought Dora to the luncheon.

Dora & Lloyd Tucker have been helping Wilma and I at the door on luncheon days. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for all their help. They are indeed true friends. We are getting more and more new mem-

bers as they retire and move out of the Los Angeles area. We want to welcome new members that have visited our club starting in the year 2000 and have signed the membership book. All of you out there. Do you know and remember any of these guys: Don Stoneking, Bill Hyder, Gil Loust, Bill Lietz, Chuck Loust, Steve Kijula, Horvath Brown, Bob Smith, Ira Beatty, Jerry Hutchinson.

Come on out to visit us in October. We have so many members the *Thin Blue Line* cannot publish all their names. Sorry you'll just have to come and see for yourself. You'll be glad you did.

Now for an update on **Beverly**. I am sitting in her room writing this article, while she is sleeping. With all her problems and what she has gone through she is still beautiful, and I love her dearly.

The next meeting of the Blue Line will be on the second Wednesday of October. That would be Oct. 11, 2000, the same location and same price tariff. Hope I can locate **Chief Daryl Gates** for our guest speaker. All the gang would love it I know. So God willing we will see you all in October. If Chief Gates reads this, call me. Remember to hug your wife. Every day time is shorter than you think. Tell her you love her. Be careful, buckle up, it's a jungle out there.

Update on the update of **Beverly**. The doctor just came in and gave me the worst news that I didn't want to hear. Beverly is critically ill. She has a serious staph infection in her blood system and lungs. Her right lung is full of fluid. She is bleeding internally. Don't know where. She is anemic, has pneumonia. All the doctors who have examined the results of all the tests had a conference and determined that Beverly was not going to get any better, but would progressively get worse day by day. He told me that soon she would have to be on life support and I would only be a matter of time. She is a very sick person and there is nothing they can do except make her as comfortable as possible, for what he believes is a short time.

It is hard for me to accept. It is the hardest thing I have ever had to do in my life. As I sit here watching her sleep, she looks beautiful and peaceful. I just want to kiss her and say wake up, it is time to get dressed and go to our Inland Blue Line luncheon. The gang will be there soon. She loved those luncheons, and maybe God will have a change of heart and prove all the doctors wrong, and we can walk out of this hospital arm in arm. I'll keep you updated. Keep praying, we need it.

P.S. By the way, sorry they spelled two names wrong in the April Blue Line. Names should have been **Ollie Lasher** and **Dora and Lloyd Tucker**.

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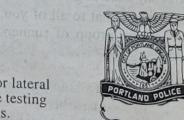
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Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker

An Open Letter to the Old Blue Running Team

Thanx so much for being part of the "Old Blue" running team on the 16th occasion of the Baker to Vegas Relay Race, April 15-16. Our overall position of 81/196 placed us in the top 50% which is doubly satisfying as it is doubtful if there are any teams who have more candles on their birthday cake than we do. In our 800 category we were 11/20 with a 15:39.54. Not bad at all but wait til next year!

The enclosed pictures which for the most part were taken at the awards ceremony at the Rio Hotel Convention Center, are, as far as I know, the only pictures of the event. There was no



Jim Becker, 1/2 Jack Breslin Old Blue.



Old Blue. Right to left: John Martin, Bill Osuna, Vic Romero, Chuck McTaggart & 1/2 Bob Espinosa.

group picture of the entire team but anyone who wants the entire set can give me a jingle at 949-455-1952 and I'll get them back to you. They consist of various small groups of celebs including a few with Chief Gates who spent quite a bit of time chatting with us. Holler if you want any.

And of course, a huge THANK YOU to Donna and Ray Romero. Their hospitality is becoming legend while their hacienda becomes more beautiful each year. If one of us were able to sing the "Stars and Stripes Forever" or some other patriotic tune, it would be more fun at the Romero's than at the ceremony. Not quite, but almost. Got any extra flags, Ray?

In closing, I tip my hat to all of you, the hardest charging group of runners that I've ever had the privilege to be associated with, whether you are the oldest member of Old Blue or the newest. And also to the many behind the scenes nameless guys, gals and wives who contribute in so many ways, large and small, that are often not readily visible to a casual glance but without whose particular efforts and expertise

"the show," would not go on. God bless you all, drive safe this summer, enjoy some upcoming races, and again, THANK YOU!

The race was not the place to be doing any shakin' or any rattlin', but we sure did a whole lot of rollin' as we finished with a respectable mid tier position of 81/196. The runners and the legs that they ran are: 1) Thurston Bechtel, 2) George Davis, 3) Chuck Foote, 4) Dale Sprinkle, 5) Darryl Dement, 6) Bill Osuna, 7) John Marnell, 8) Chuck McTaggart, 9) Jim Estes, 10) Mario Mascolo, 11) John Rogers, 12) Vic Romero, 13) Jim Becker, 14) Danny Staggs, 15) John Martin, 16) Pat Dailey, 17) Bob Bloomer, 18) Bob Carter, 19) Joe Najera, and 20) Pete La Maestra; and alternates Keith Allen, Bob Espinosa and Jay Hernando. And, of course, all of the catchers, senders and drivers. Congratulations to everyone of you!

So, unless things change we'll take up again with our last Sunday of the month meetings on October 29. That is also the day that Daylight Savings ends so try to be there at 8:00 a.m. Same place, behind the Park Rangers HQ on Crystal Springs Road, rain or shine in Griffith Park.

The attached pix are known as "half-pix" simply because some OLD BLUE members are half out, or, depending on your point of view, half in the pictures. The single runner is the always smiling **Jimmy Becker** who has just passed a G-Man and about four

other runners on leg 13. He is about to get an H2O transfusion from faceless **Jack Breslin** who is . . . well, you know . . .

The group picture at the Rio awards program shows R-L: Laughing **John Martin**, happy **Bill Osuna** and grinning **Vic Romero**. **Chuck McTaggart** shows a half view of his left profile but he is still in the picture. But bashful **Bob Espinosa** is our guy that is . . . well, you know . . .

Some guys had to leave early because of prior commitments, but next month we'll tell you about an OLD BLUE runner who had to stay over for a few days because of a lifelong commitment he just got into. Did you figure it out? Righto, he, I mean they, got married right after the awards ceremony. It was none other than **Dale Sprinkle** and his gorgeous girlfriend, **Ann Kelley**. Talk about winning the first place prize! Wow! Anyhow, stay tuned to next month's column for the pictures and the inside story from two eyeball witnesses.

Dates to Remember

June

June 2	Stan Cochran	1700	1800
June 3	S.A.B.L.A. Picnic	1200	
June 3	LAPD Mounted Unit Bacon & Scrambled Leggs Race	0830	
June 4	Prescott Area Blue Line BBQ	1300	
June 5,6,7	77th Division Reunion -Las Vegas		
June 7	L.A. Retired Fire & Police Assn - Meeting	1000	
June 9	Metro Reunion @ Academy	1700	
June 10	RHD Reunion / Steak Fry		
June 10	Legendary Ladies Luncheon	1100	
June 16	Julio Nieves	1700	1800
June 20	American Legion Annual Steak Fry @ Academy	1800	
June 21	Valley Retired Blues	1100	
June 22	Joe Oliveri	1600	
June 23	Ross Moen	1800	1930
June 25 - July 1	California Fire and Police Games San Bernardino		
June 28	Bob Wantling	1130	
June 28	John Toland & Jim Battle	1700	
June 30	Summer Concert @ Academy		

July

July 6	Bill Farrar		
July 7	Harry Andrews		
July 16	Miguel Valenciana		
July 19	Daniel Carnahan		
July 21	Kenneth Lady, John Waters, John Springer	1700	1800
July 21	Hollenbeck Boosters Noche Tropical	1800	
July 28	John Mungua & Robert Gonzalez		
July 29	Kent Norman		

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The Central Coast Fuzz that Wuzz

by Guest Reporter

Who is this person?

It's exciting to imagine where destiny will take us as we travel through our careers over the years. While we all have, to some degree, ambitions and goals there are a few things we can collect on our way that adds a meaningful spark to our existence. Some speak of or search for riches, lofty position, expensive possessions and prestige, all of which can't speak back. The Scriptures tells us such possessions are only loaned to us for when we expire they are merely passed on to others. But there is something that has lasting value and that is to have a loyal, confident, genuine friend, be it a man or a woman. I've heard it said, most people can count the number of their true friends on one hand.

We all learn as children what it means to collect valued friends; individuals who share common interest, those we can confidently trust and one who will bare another's hurts. Let me raise up a model from the ranks of the L.A.P.D. who emanates such qualities. He has the uncanny quality to draw most people into his environment and develop lasting fellowships. Many years ago, in his lieutenant's role as a watch commander, he gained so much admiration and respect that he found himself rich with meaningful relationships. People worked hard to please him and the bonding among his subordinates was very evident. His circle of close friends however extended far beyond the immediate surrounding. It is noteworthy to recognize his wisdom and marvelous talent for writing. He was repeatedly called upon by command officers to use these skills.

When it came to move on, his next assignment was to restore from the ashes, a proud, sharp looking group of professionals mounted policemen. Out of their eagerness to join him, officers from among his collection of friends (who raised and owned horses) volunteered at their own expense to equip the department's stables. Out of such humble beginnings and with keen imagination, stamina, and hard work, our lieutenant set a plan in motion. His tenacity, dedication and dream eventually developed, in the minds of many, one of the most prestigious police equestrian teams, with 'ultra modern stables' and a 'show place' exercise ground to be found in the nation.

Having the wanderlust to move on, he had many years before, brought an airplane with a doctor friend. He had a desire to fly, but he always claimed he owned the backend of the airship. Now, his dream came to fruition as he moved into the watch commander's position with the department helicopters, wheels of progress into motion. He saw his dreams; dedication and contributions materialize as the unit expanded and as the airships became more effective and faster. He eventually got his pilot license and soared into a dream come true!

As he moved north into California's Central Coast he found his niche in his new surroundings. Finding a host of his retirement friends who lived in the same area, and with his pen in hand he received the organization known as the Fuzz That Wuzz. I am proud to introduce your and my friend Retired L.A.P.D Lt. **Dave Aikins**.

His big treasures, in life, are, his family of loyal, true friends, his children and his lovely wife Judy.

All of your friends at the Fuzz That Wuzz thank you, **Dave**, for being our fearless reporter.

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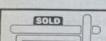
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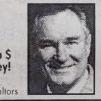
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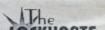
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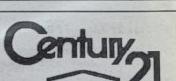
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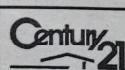
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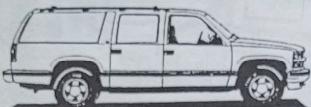
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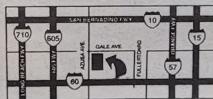
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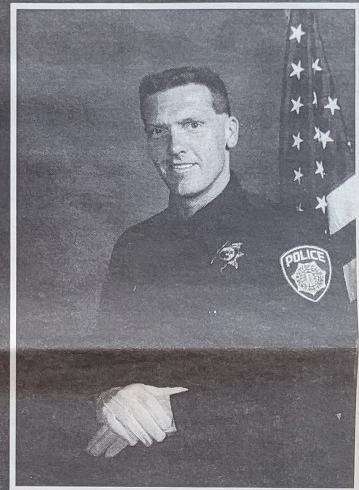
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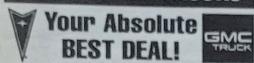
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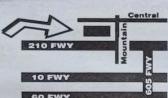
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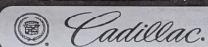
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